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Chanting protesters should be dismissed says union president in apology to Blunkett

Militants defy Labour and NUT leaders

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MILITANT teachers yesterday defied their own leaders and the Labour Party by moving towards a campaign of industrial action over rising class sizes.

They rejected appeals from Doug McAvoy, their General Secretary, and Tony Blair, the Labour leader, for a more moderate line the day after David Blunkett, the shadow Education Secretary, was pursued and cornered by an angry mob at the National Union of Teachers conference in Blackpool.

To cries of "shame" from left-wing members of the union John Bills, the president, compared the protesters to fascists and members of the British National Party and said they should be sacked.

In a public apology to Mr Blunkett, Mr Bills said: "I just wonder when those television pictures went out last night, what the parents in their schools thought of them. I wonder what their employing authorities will think of them, and I wonder what the governors of their schools will think of them. I find it difficult to believe that teachers could behave in such a way."

The final vote on a national stoppage and local refusals to teach classes of more than 30 pupils will not take place until tomorrow but delegates convincingly rejected their executive's attempt to tone down the action.

Mr McAvoy had argued that the union needed to preserve the support of parents and school governors and Mr Blair argued that they should campaign against the Government's education policy without resorting to one-day strikes, warning that the action would be counterproductive and would harm children's education.



John Bills: "what will the parents think?"

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said: "If teachers go down the road of industrial action, they will be putting at risk all the achievements of the past few years — the benefits of the national curriculum, testing and performance tables. The education reforms are helping our children to achieve higher standards. It would be deplorable to put this progress in jeopardy and ridiculous to damage teachers' professionalism."

Mr Bills said it was open to any NUT member to make an official complaint that the demonstrators had brought the union into disrepute. "It is also open to any governing body to decide what to do with teachers who bring their schools into disrepute," he said.

Conference delegates had already started proceedings yesterday against some of the teachers involved in the incidents on Saturday afternoon. The blind Shadow Education Secretary was pinned in a small office for almost half an hour with a mob of chanting demonstrators outside.

Mr Blunkett claimed yesterday that some of the demonstrators who surrounded him "were people who I have come across ten years ago when we were dealing with Militant Tendency, so there were a few old scores there".

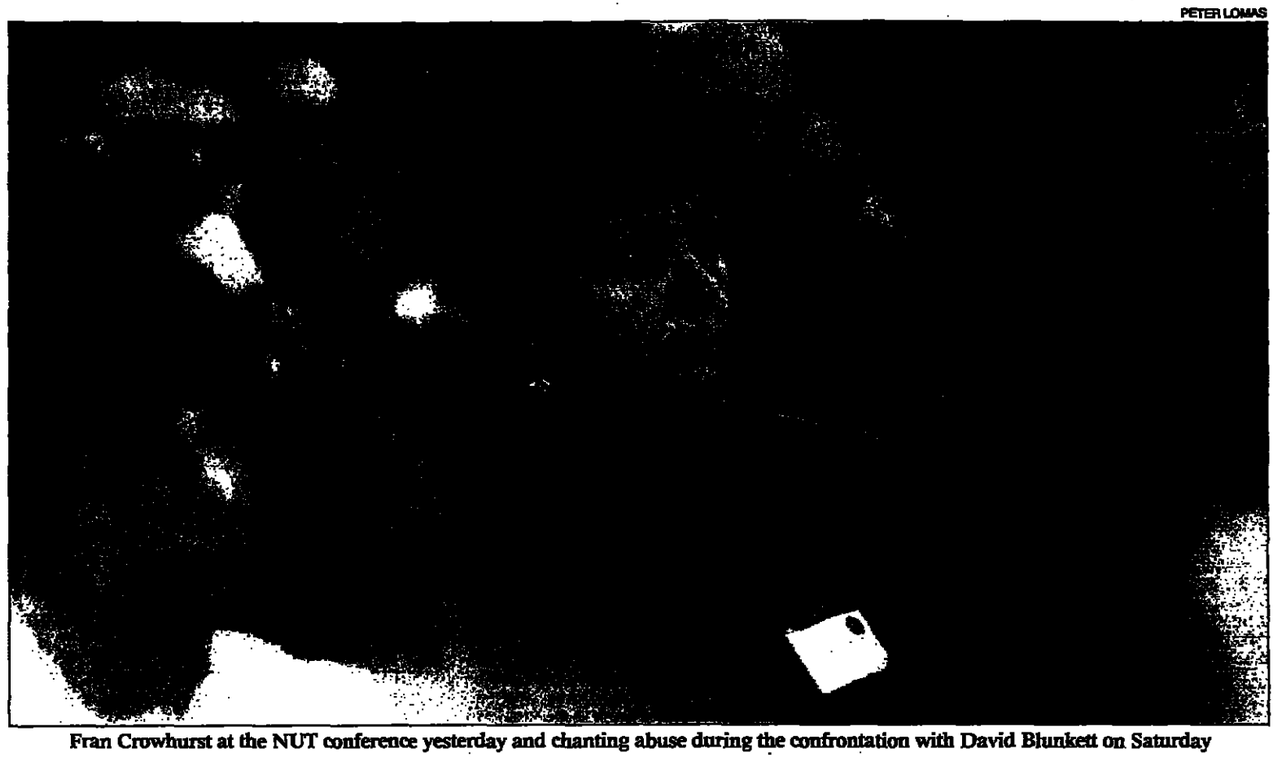
Calling on teachers not to back prolonged strike action, he said: "At the moment we have parents, we have governors, we have teachers totally united against what the Government have been doing. Pull the plug on children's education and you actually withdraw what it is that we are fighting for," he said on BBC Radio 5 Live. But delegates said parents supported strike action. Fran Possiethwaite, a delegate from Barnsley, said: "Parents' anger is targeted on class size and we have public opinion on our side."

John Cox, who chairs the union's education committee, told the conference: "A one-day strike may further the ends of one or two individuals in this union, but they will not further the ends of the people

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PETER LOMAS



Fran Crowhurst at the NUT conference yesterday and chanting abuse during the confrontation with David Blunkett on Saturday

Left-wing teachers justify their protest

BY JOHN O'LEARY, MICHAEL HORSNELL AND BILL FROST

THE left-wing teachers who hectored and intimidated *David Blunkett remained* defiant last night.

Eddie Parkinson, a history teacher at Kenton High School, Newcastle, who was visible in television pictures shouting "sack the Tories not the teachers", and banging on the door of an office where Mr Blunkett was put for his protection, said the demonstration had been "justified".

"David Blunkett is a blind man, but he is an important politician and he has come out with extreme views about what should happen to teachers that put him to the right of the Conservatives," Mr Parkinson said. "It was justified to shout at him. No one went close to David Blunkett or tried to push him or hit him."

The incident, which many believe was provoked by the Socialist Workers' Party, happened when Mr Blunkett went to speak to a fringe meeting at the conference.

With his guide dog, Lucy, he was shielded as he was escorted through a group of chanting demonstrators. However, the intimidation as he took refuge in an office shocked observers and Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said the images would stay with him for many years.

About 30 protesters maintained a deafening and abusive chorus before pressing forward to demand that Mr Blunkett come out to defend his policies. Most wore SWP badges or brandished the *Socialist Worker* newspaper, which some had been selling outside the conference. Mr



Blunkett said others were supporters of Militant Tendency, who had been expelled from the Labour Party on Merseyside.

Fran Crowhurst, was identified yesterday as one of those who led the chanting. Ms Crowhurst, a history and sociology teacher at Crofton Secondary School in Lewisham, southeast London, had attacked the violence of right-wing extremists in a speech on racism only hours before the demonstration. She shares a flat with her partner Andy Minnet, who neighbours say regularly sells copies of far-Left newspapers on the streets.

Ms Crowhurst was surrounded by journalists yesterday as she arrived at the conference, but would say nothing.

Another of those identified, Keith McKenna, a social science teacher at Josiah Mason Sixth Form College in Birmingham, also kept silent yesterday. Stefan Simms, a physics teacher at Wembley High School, who admitted being an SWP member, said: "Mr Blunkett is a seasoned politician — at no stage was he intimidated or frightened."

Mr Simms, described the NUT executive condemnation of the protest as a "deliberate exaggeration". He added that he had tried to speak to Mr Blunkett as he arrived, but claimed the MP had told him to "sod off".

He added: "No one pursued a blind man. People demonstrated. No one touched him, no one came near him.

"I went to express my opposition to what he has been saying. There was nothing organised."

The headmaster at Mr Parkinson's school, Mike Gibbons, said last night the school would investigate Mr Parkinson's role. "For anybody, whether blind or not, to be threatened, jostled or hassled is a matter of great regret. So we will want to look closely at what happened."

Medals for troops who shot own man

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THREE American soldiers involved in a friendly fire incident that killed a fellow corporal a day before the end of the Gulf War received medals of honour for their actions.

The soldiers were awarded Bronze Stars based on "misleading statements" by the officers commanding the unit that accidentally killed Lance Fielder, according to a confidential report published at the weekend of an inquiry by the congressional General Accounting Office.

Fielder was 22 when, on February 27, 1991, he became the last of 35 Americans to be killed by friendly fire during the war against Iraq after President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Stranded with a crippled M548 ammunition carrier in the desert, he and his colleagues were confronted Bradley fighting vehicles firing at them.

The corporal was first wounded in the leg and took a fatal bullet in the chest. He was awarded the Bronze Star with valour ribbon for his actions in the final minutes before his death. It was only the later inquiry which established that three of those in the armoured patrol unit had been cited for the same honour for their heroic efforts "involving conflict with an armed enemy", when the enemy was none other than an American platoon.

The army inspector-general called for the medals to be revoked last August. The process for reversing the honours has been started.

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'Victory for conservation' as EU and Canada end fish war

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union and Canada yesterday ended their six-week fishing dispute with a deal hailed in Ottawa as a "victory for conservation" but condemned in Spain as the "death knell for the fishing industry".

The dispute was seen by British fishermen as a dress rehearsal for a similar battle between London and Madrid next year, when Spain begins fishing in waters of the Irish Box under the terms of its 1986 EU accession agreement.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, hailed yesterday's early-morning deal as a "victory for negotiation and good sense to which both sides have contributed". The sense of relief was shared by the majority of EU countries, especially the French, current holders of the EU presidency, who helped to broker the pact.

But the agreement came under vicious attack from Spanish fishermen. Jose Manuel Muniz, President of the Spanish Association of Sea Captains and Fishing Boat Owners, called on Spanish fishermen to boycott the agreement and stick to the EU's old unilateral quota of 18,630 tonnes a year.

He called the agreement a "victory for Canada" and "the death-knell for the fishing industry". Referring to Canada's capture of the Spanish trawler *Estai* last month, which triggered the dispute, he said it was "a scandal that the EU has even negotiated with those aggressors".

However, Luis Atienza, the Spanish Fisheries Minister, said: "This is not only the best agreement possible, but one that will improve as time goes by." He said the EU's share of fishing in the zone outside Canada's 200-mile limit would increase from the present level of 41 per cent to 55.35 per cent.

Emma Bonino, the EU Fisheries Commissioner, said: "The rule of law has been restored on the high seas. I hope it is the beginning of a new era of commitment to fishing policy."

The dispute was over how to divide a total catch limit of 27,000 tonnes of Greenland halibut set by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation. Spain will now be able to catch an extra 5,013 tonnes this year, with both sides agreeing to differ about how much it has caught so far.

From next year, both Canada and the EU will be allocated 41 per cent of the catch, estimated to be about 10,000 tonnes each. Ottawa has agreed to repeal legislation authorising the seizure of Spanish and Portuguese boats in international waters and Brussels will accept stricter monitoring of EU fishing fleets, with on-board observers and satellite surveillance.

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US looks longingly at Major's Citizen's Charter

BY TOM RHODES

THE Prime Minister, who faces strong opposition criticism for his *Citizen's Charter at home, has found* an unusual ally at the White House where policymakers see the Conservative model as a blueprint to streamline the Washington bureaucracy.

Al Gore, the Vice President, and his staff, assigned the role of cutting waste and red-tape in the American administration's myriad of departments, are closely studying Mr Major's programme of competition between the public and private sectors.

"There's a lot to be learned from their experience ... the two efforts are very much linked around the notion of service to citizens," said Elaine Kamarck, in charge of the project at Mr Gore's office.

The White House, which apparently fails to see any irony in so resolutely following Conservative ideology, has been impressed by the emphasis Britain places on reducing costs by tendering routine tasks to private workforces, which are claimed to have saved 20 per cent in costs.

Mr Gore has been much influenced by the performance targets for competitive tendering, in particular, the Prison Service's hiring of outside contractors at four prisons, saving up to 25 per cent in operating costs per prisoner. The US Justice department this year reported that the prison population in the United States has passed the one million mark for the first time in history. Planners are considering adopting the British model of introducing semi-autonomous agencies, such as the Prison Service, under the umbrella of government departments.

The Labour Party has consistently attacked the charter, the market testing and next steps programmes as a means of increasing unemployment and decreasing government accountability for public services.

Their Democratic colleagues in Washington, however, recognising that a shrinking of the bureaucracy has become one of the most important electoral issues in America since the Republican congressional victory last year, have shown little concern for the detail.

"The UK has gone further in reinventing government than any other country apart from New Zealand," said David Osborne, who runs the Reinventing Government Network consultancy in St Paul, Minnesota. "What they have is a very powerful framework."

Ironically, the Bush administration had also been interested in the *Citizen's Charter*, a fact the Democrats would doubtless rather forget.

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Tory MP's attack over Blair trip backfires

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A CONSERVATIVE MP's attempt to embroil Tony Blair in allegations of sleaze backfired yesterday when it emerged that an expenses-paid trip on Concorde, which the Labour leader did not declare, was taken at the request of the Government.

Senior Conservatives distanced themselves from the accusations, by David Shaw, MP for Dover, saying that MPs should avoid making damaging accusations without detailed evidence.

Mr Shaw had accused Mr Blair of failing to divulge details of a trip to America in 1986 on behalf of a campaign to change the way British firms were taxed in the US. He also claimed that Mr Blair and John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, did not declare separate stays at Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland in 1989 and 1994 respectively, paid for by the oil company Conoco.

He said he would be calling for the Commons Members' Interests Select Committee to set up an inquiry into the reasons for the visits not being declared on the register of MPs' interests. But John Townend, Tory MP for Bridlington, who was with Mr Prescott at the Gleneagles seminar, said last night: "If David Shaw wants to make these allegations, then he should get his facts straight. There is no doubt that this was a working weekend and John Prescott made one of the biggest contributions.

Mr Townend, a leading figure on the Conservative backbench finance committee, aded: "I think this sleaze thing is going too far. I am against freebies and jollies but we have to use a bit of common sense and look at how much of the trip is work and how much is pleasure. We're not doing ourselves any favours by accusing each other just for political advantage."

Mr Blair's colleagues said yesterday that the Washington visit was arranged by Treasury officials, who had wanted cross-party representation in Washington. "This is a ludicrous case of a dirty tricks campaign going wrong," said one senior Labour party aide. "The smear is a desperate ploy by the Conservative Party."

Tony Blair, while he was a Treasury spokesman, was asked to go to Washington and it was made clear at a press conference at the time that expenses had been paid, said close colleagues.

An earlier Conoco seminar at Gleneagles in 1986 was attended by Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, and Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, — both then backbenchers — again without it being declared.

Labour denied that there was any comparison between the visits made by Mr Blair and Mr Prescott and the allegedly undeclared free stay at the Paris Ritz on a pleasure trip by Neil Hamilton which cost him his job as a trade minister. Labour insiders saw the move as an orchestrated campaign by Conservative Central Office to try to smear Labour figures in advance of two controversial Commons debates surrounding the behaviour of Tory MPs accused of accepting cash payments or free hospitality.



Shaw: accusations

JAMES MORGAN



One who remembered: a satisfied customer leaves a telephone kiosk in London after a successful connection on the first day of the new codes

Phoneday catches out overseas callers

■ The real test of BT's new dialling codes will come tomorrow when businesses return and 40 million calls will be made rather than the 20 million typical of a weekend. Nick Nuttall reports

DIALLING overseas suddenly became a mystery to 4,000 BT customers yesterday. They were the "relatively small" number of people who rang a BT helpline on Phoneday — the day that dialling codes changed. Others called to ask whether alarm clocks needed adjusting and, in one case, for advice on reprogramming a photocopier to take account of the change in numbering.

BT said the number of callers indicated that £16 million of advertising and publicity had been well spent. The real test will come tomorrow when businesses reopen and 40 million calls are made, double the number on a weekend.

As the domestic codes changed at 1am yesterday, so did the international code, from 010 to 00, to bring it in line with European dialling codes. And as Easter is the traditional time to speak to the family, the biggest problem was people dialling overseas.

The Phoneday helpline assistant said: "We have been called by a lot of pensioners, which is understandable when there is a change like this. They have been in the main very polite but there have been others who have not been."

The confusion was not confined to calls abroad. People trying to telephone the police at Shaftesbury in Dorset found themselves connected to a BT message suggesting they had dialled wrongly. Calls to the station are meant to be diverted to police at the larger station in nearby Blandford Forum on a Sunday, which uses a different dialling code. But officers forgot to change the dialling code on their diverting system.

A spokesman for the Dorset force said: "Calls to Shaftesbury are transferred to Blandford if the station is empty. This redirect thing has caused us a few problems ourselves today. We've been trying to call people for things like abandoned vehicles and are coming up against a brick wall because they haven't changed their redirect. I suppose it's something you just don't really think about."

A spokesman for BT said: "Call diverts are typically used by people like doctors who want out-of-hours calls to their surgery transferred to their home line. If the user has not adjusted the divert to put a one in, the caller will get diverted to a recorded message even though they have dialled correctly."

Staff at the help centre described the level of calls being handled as "bedlam", although the BT spokesman said: "It is busy, but not bedlam". Telephone customers have coped very well with the changes and the vast majority are using the new codes. But obviously old habits die hard. However, the level of misdialling is very small and so low that we have't got any meaningful numbers."

The system, which includes 22 specially recorded answering machines, has been designed to handle up to four million misdialled numbers. BT expects the peak demand for help will be between 9am and noon on Tuesday with an anticipated 700 people an hour calling the help centre.

Alan Croft, BT's Phoneday manager, said: "Most of the calls have been genuine inquiries. There have been two or three who just wanted to blow off steam".

Some older exchanges, mainly in rural areas, Scotland and Wales, will require engineers to visit them and physically reprogramme the equipment. This is expected to be done by Friday.

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MPs plan backlash over war pensions

Kenneth Clarke will be warned this week that the Government faces a backlash from Tory MPs unless he drops his opposition to a £40 million increases in war widows' pensions (Arthur Leathley writes).

Senior Conservatives will press the Chancellor to approve changes backed by the Lords last month which would allow widows who remarry but are later bereaved or divorced by their second husbands to claim the £7,294 annual pension. They are angry at suggestions that the Treasury is pressing ministers to overturn the changes when the Pensions Bill returns to the Commons next week. They are particularly alarmed as the changes will come before the Commons during the run-up to the celebrations to mark VE-Day next month.

One man's flu closes Metro

The Tyneside Metro system was shut down on Saturday because the only power controller available over the Easter holiday had flu. The £400 million underground system, which serves more than a million people a week, closed at 7pm on Saturday.

A Metro spokesman said: "We did everything we possibly could to minimise th inconvenience to passengers."

Ian Gray, 22, from Whitley Bay, said: "It's an absolute joke. This is supposed to be a hi-tec system. I can't believe they only had one person capable of doing the job on a busy weekend like this."

British top list for watching TV

The British are the couch potatoes of Europe, according to new research showing that Britons watch more television than viewers in any other West European country.

Viewers spent an average of three hours and 36 minutes a day watching television in Britain last year, compared with just under three hours a day in France and Germany. The lowest amount of television viewing was registered among the German-speaking people of Switzerland, who watched two hours and four minutes a day in 1994.

Murder charge

A 25-year-old Moroccan has been charged with the murder of Peter Sturges, 50; a Briton found naked and shot in the Oise river near Amiens in northern France last October. Hassan Bouallaga was charged at the weekend with killing Mr Sturges, a computer engineer from Glasgow.

Pilot named

A pilot who died when a glider crashed near Buxton, Derbyshire, was named yesterday as Steven Abraham, 55, of Greater Manchester. Mr Abraham, who was alone, had flown five miles from Great Hucklow Gliding Club on Saturday. Police say witnesses reported seeing the glider spinning.

Antidote found

Scientists have made a breakthrough in their fight against a flesh-eating bug. Tests on animals show that the drug clindamycin, used to treat rheumatic fever, is effective against necrotising fasciitis, which killed several people in Britain last year.

Boy hurt on ride

A toddler was recovering in hospital last night after falling from a ride at Chessington World of Adventures. The boy, 2½, who has injuries to his left leg, was with an adult when the accident happened. The Health and Safety Executive has been informed.

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Party fends off union pressure over Clause 4

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND ROSS TIEMAN

TONY BLAIR will head a Shadow Cabinet effort this week to secure backing for his proposed replacement for Clause Four of Labour's constitution, telling dissenting trade union leaders that the party leadership will not back down over the wording.

With less than two weeks until a special conference determines the issue, the Labour leader is preparing for a series of meetings and speeches making clear that he will not be distracted by moves to water down the new wording. Mr Blair has been stung by last week's decision by Unison, the big public sector union, to oppose the changes and will call on his most senior colleagues to help win over union critics.

At a rally on Wednesday, Mr Blair is expected to tell Labour members: "There is no turning back on change. Modernisation is the only route back to power." His words will be echoed in speeches by senior Labour figures such as Gordon Brown, Robin Cook and Jack Straw, during the final campaigning before the April 29 conference.

Mr Blair will also use a speech next week to Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, which is generally loyal to him, to emphasise his message. Tom Sawyer, Labour's general secretary and a former senior Unison official, will lead attempts to persuade Unison to back the changes.

Mr Blair and union leaders were warned yesterday not to allow the Clause Four debate to open up rifts between the party and union movement. Jack Dromey, who is challenging for the leadership of the Transport and General Workers' Union, called for "statesmanship and comradeship." The union is against Mr Blair's proposal.

Mr Blair currently faces a



Dromey: unity plea

31.12 per cent union vote against his proposals. But his support, currently 28.2 per cent, will almost certainly be lifted to 33.2 per cent by the backing of Usdaw.

A battle within the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union has pitched Roger Lyons, the pro-Blair general secretary, against left-wing activists. Mr Lyons called on Labour insiders yesterday to avoid trying to distance the party from trade unions.

The Labour leadership again rejected Tory claims that union support over Clause Four could be used as a trade-off to secure Labour backing for union causes. Senior aides said: "There are no backroom deals to be done before April 29 and everyone should be clear about that."

Unison and the TGWU will command between them 25 per cent of the vote at the conference, at which unions will hold 70 per cent of the overall vote, with constituencies making up 30 per cent. Mr Blair's allies hope to persuade Unison and TGWU delegates to abandon voting en bloc, and split their votes instead.

A ballot by the Communication Workers' Union is this week expected to endorse the Clause Four changes.

NUT leaders defied

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who are teaching in those classrooms or the children that are learning in them."

However, the main left-wing groups, which disowned the intimidation of Mr Blunkett, have carried all the key debates in Britain's largest teaching union. As well as pushing through a tough line on "oversized" classes, they blocked further debate of Saturday's protests, and today will seek to overturn the NUT's decision to end its boycott of national curriculum testing.

The embarrassment caused by the incidents may spark a new attempt by moderates to reduce the left's influence over the union. Jerry Glazier, who chairs the NUT's membership committee, said: "The union can no longer afford to tolerate extreme groups using it for their own political ends."

Mr Blunkett last night called for "clear thinking" over co-ordinated action for teachers. He told the *Daily Mirror*: "Taking action against government cutbacks and the crisis in our schools is understandable. No one wants class sizes that make education difficult to deliver and classes impossible to control. But action must not damage the educational future of the children we seek to protect.

"What we should be doing is having some clear thinking about co-ordinated action which brings pressure to bear on Government and every Conservative MP."

Union official extols teacher businesses

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TEACHERS should be free to form small businesses and compete for contracts to run state schools, according to a report out today. Teachers' practices, similar to those for solicitors or doctors, would get funding as they hit performance targets, including improved examination results.

The new framework for state education is detailed in a pamphlet for the Social Market Foundation think-tank by a senior teaching union official, Anthony Meredith of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers. It aims to increase accountability and invigorate schools by giving teachers a long-term stake in the system, offering greater rewards.

The study, *Teacher Practices: A new model for state schools*, argues that governors, head teachers and teachers are distracted by their roles and responsibilities. Schools that boost pupils' achievement are not properly rewarded. Mr Meredith says that the Government, for instance, should offer generous rewards to practices achieving substantial improvement in poor inner-city schools.

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Gardens won on turn of a card prove a wise gamble



The gardens at Levens Hall are famed for their topiary

By JOHN SHAW

THE gardens at Levens Hall near Kendal, Cumbria, said to have changed hands in a family game of cards in 1688, have been named Garden of the Year.

The award, sponsored by the Historic Houses Association and Christie's, the auctioneers, is given in recognition of "an outstanding garden which reflects both the public enjoyment and horticultural interest". It will be presented to Hal Bagot, whose family has owned the hall for 700 years, on May 10.

Levens Hall, which dates in part to 1250, but is predominantly Elizabethan, attracted more than 40,000 visitors last year. William Proby, president of the Historic Houses Association, said: "Gardens are increasingly popular with the visiting public and yet the costs of running them can be very considerable. Winning the award can lead to an increase in visitors, providing a much needed source of income."

Susan Bagot, who runs the house and garden with her husband, said: "This award is marvellous. The weather has been good over the past fortnight, a lot of people are taking early holidays and we are very busy indeed today. An award like this really puts us in the public eye."

The gardens are a rare example of 17th-century design. They were laid out by Colonel James Grahme and Guillaume Beaumont, the gardener to James II who was partly responsible for the wilderness garden at Hampton Court.

Among the special features is the topiary garden with clipped yews and box-edged flower beds in the Dutch style. It contains more than 90 different designs including birds, chess pieces and a judge's wig.

Mrs Bagot said: "It is the finest example of a topiary garden in the world. There's a lot of humour there. James Grahme was a justice of the peace so probably that's where the judge's wig came from originally.

"He was also a bit of a gambler and we still have his original dice. Alan Bellingham, his cousin, gambled the estate away and it went to Colonel Grahme on the turn of a card. It was the ace of hearts, which is why the lead downpipes are gilded with hearts and the initials of James and Dorothy Grahme. There is a lot of living history at Levens."

The topiary and a 500-yard long beech hedge, carpeted with wild garlic *(Allium ursinum)* in the spring, take four months to cut. The more complex shapes are still done by hand. Among the intricate patterns of box-edged parterres are many old roses including the white rose of York *(Rosa alba)*, the red rose of Lancaster *(Rosa gallica)* and the old cabbage rose *(Rosa centifolia)*. Other period plants include Elizabethan primroses, including Jack in the Green, Jackanapes on Horseback and Gallygaskins.

A fountain garden was created last year to mark the tercentenary of the gardens, reflecting a reinterpretation of the original design with pleached lime arbours along four radiating pathways leading from the central pool.

Among the trees is a survivor of 18th-century China. The maidenhair tree *(Ginkgo biloba)* was known through fossil records but was only rediscovered in China in 1758. Unusually for a conifer, the tree is deciduous and has flat fan-shaped leaves which turn yellow before falling in the autumn. Among the fruit trees are many ornamental versions and the extremely vigorous rose Kiftsgate *(Rosa filipes)* grows through and over the apple trees.

A nuttery contains many different varieties of hazelnut, including Kentish Cob, Frizzled Filbert and White Filbert. A herb garden has eight varieties of mint, four sages, various marjorams, lemon balms and fennel.

Wide lawns at the front of the house lead to the River Kent. Across the road is a home park complete with an avenue of ancient oaks a mile long. The park was described in 1790 as "the sweetest spot that fancy can imagine".

☐ *Levens Hall Gardens, five miles south of Kendal on the A6, are open from Sunday to Thursday, 11am to 4.30pm until September 28.*

Nursery centres go outside the law to beat Easter ban

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

GARDEN centres moved heaven and earth yesterday to get round regulations banning them from trading as normal on what has traditionally been one of the busiest days of their year.

They carried their cash tills outside to sell plants, cuttings, shrubs and trees, exploiting what appears to be a loophole in legislation introduced last year. Stores with a covered area of more than 3,000 sq ft are allowed to open for no more than six hours on ordinary Sundays and not at all on Easter Day.

Malcom Goater, of the Redfields Garden Centre in Fleet, Hampshire, said: "It's crazy. We have had to turn away people who came to buy tools and all the things we sell indoors. But we have nearly two acres of outside plants we can still sell. We are trying to provide a service while remaining within the bounds of the law.

"Just as I came in this morning a car pulled up and a lady flew out because she was desperate to buy her aunt a pot plant as a present. But then a chap came in who just wanted a few nails and a screw for a fence he was putting up. In the end I found six nails in our handyman's box and gave them to him."

Chris Evans, a director of Dundry Nurseries, a family business in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, took out a licence to sell alcohol, including Flowers ale, to disappointed customers. He also laid on a Scottish piper, a steam organist and a singer.

"It is absolutely ludicrous that I can sell beer to people who have come to buy strimmers and greenhouses, but I cannot sell flowers or garden machinery," he said. "Quite a few customers were pretty angry to discover we were closed but most took it in good heart. I am not interested in loopholes, I want the law changed."

Mr Evans would normally have expected about 2,000 customers on a day traditionally regarded as the start of the gardening season. He reckons the closure cost him some £7,000 in lost takings.

David Yardley, at the Klondyke Garden Centre in Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, said: "We took the tills outside and were able to do some trade because we were not under a roof. It's barmy that people can come here normally on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Monday, but they are not allowed here on a Sunday."

Fontley Nurseries in Titchfield, Hampshire, was exempt from the trading ban because it grows over 50 per cent of its stock itself. Stephen Parr, the manager, said trade had still suffered because many people did not think any garden centres would be open. He said: "It is another case of the minority deciding what the majority should do. The fact that they cannot go shopping is not going to make people go to church on Easter Sunday."

COLIN SHEPHERD



A glass of champagne is some consolation for Pauline Mason at Dundry Nurseries in Cheltenham, which took out a licence to sell alcohol



Lucy Partington

Amis pays tribute to victim

MARTIN AMIS, whose latest novel *The Information* is in third place in the bestseller lists, has dedicated the book to a cousin who was a victim of the Cromwell Street murders.

Lucy Partington, 21, a student at Exeter University, disappeared on December 27, 1973. Her remains were found in March last year buried under the basement of 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester. She is alleged to have been one of 12 young women and girls killed by Frederick West.

The dedication says: "In memory of Lucy Partington, 1952-1973." Mr Amis, who was 24 when his cousin disappeared, was studying English at Oxford at the same time as Lucy was reading medieval English at Exeter.

Villagers pray for family of murdered wife

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

NEIGHBOURS and friends of Janet Brown, who was beaten to death in her country home, offered an Easter prayer yesterday for her family.

Mrs Brown, 51, was found lying naked, gagged and handcuffed at the family home at a farm at Radnage, Buckinghamshire last Tuesday morning. Police suspect that she might have died after disturbing a burglar, although so far her family has found nothing missing.

During his address at the 12th-century St Mary's Church, the Rev Allan Woods said: "The existence of suffering makes us think of Janet Brown and her family. It gives rise to the thought: 'How can a loving God permit such things to happen?' Christ does not attempt to answer this. The only answer lives on in faith."

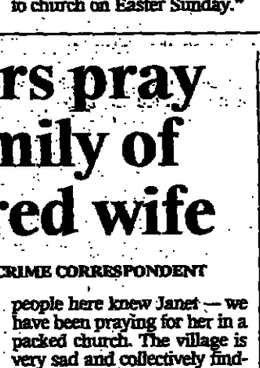
Mr Woods urged his congregation to think of Mrs Brown, her husband Graham and their children Zara, 22, Ben, 21, and Roxanne, 17. He asked for God's comfort in their suffering. The family did not attend the service.

Mr Woods also told the congregation: "We pray for the perpetrator of this crime and that this person might find the penitence to realise the horror of what he has done."

After the service, Mr Woods said: "This is a village in mourning. I know a lot of people here knew Janet — we have been praying for her in a packed church. The village is very sad and collectively finding healing and comforting together."

Yesterday, police denied that work had been suspended on searching the murder scene to save money in overtime payments. A spokesman for the investigation team said that work in the house was nearly complete, but that at one stage a halt had been called while chemicals used to bring out fingerprints on walls took effect. He said that teams of officers had worked over the weekend on lines of inquiry.

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Graham Brown at a police press conference

Meningitis casualty ex-nurse of the year

By SARAH GRIFFIN

A FORMER Nurse of the Year died yesterday, 24 hours after being taken ill with meningitis. Emma Williamson, 25, was thought to have been infected while off duty from the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Headington, Oxford, where she worked as a children's nurse.

Patients and colleagues have been assured that they are not at risk of infection from Miss Williamson, of Kidlington, Oxford, who won her award two years ago. Dr Dick Mayon-White, Oxfordshire consultant public physician, said that people in the process of developing meningitis were not infectious to others.

He said: "This nurse acquired the infection in her ordinary domestic circumstances and not at work. Like all these cases, it is a tragedy for family and friends. They are the people for whom there are implications about being exposed to the same virus." Miss Williamson's family, with whom she lived at Yarnton until three months ago, has been issued with antibiotics.

Miss Williamson won the Nurse of the Year award in 1993 at Great Ormond Street Hospital, where she did her training. She had worked at the hospital in Oxford for the past year.

Villagers unmask falcon thieves

By A STAFF REPORTER

VILLAGERS who formed a "neighbourhood watch" group have finally solved the riddle of the vanishing peregrine falcon chicks. For three successive years the same pair of falcons nested near the top of an 80ft quarry near the village. Each time their chicks vanished within hours of birth.

The watchers, organised by the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, spent eight weeks mounting a round-the-clock guard on the secret nest site. To keep intruders at bay they installed a burglar alarm near the nest and kept watch from a nearby hide, using two-way radios and image intensifiers. Prime suspects were bird thieves out to exploit the peregrine chicks' black market value on the Continent where they fetch £1,500 each.

Now, a year on, the riddle has been solved. The five chicks have fallen prey to a polecat.

John Tucker, head of conservation at the wildlife trust, said: "I remember standing at the top of the cliff when we found the nest empty and thinking they had done it again. It was almost like having somebody steal your own child. These birds had become part of the local community."

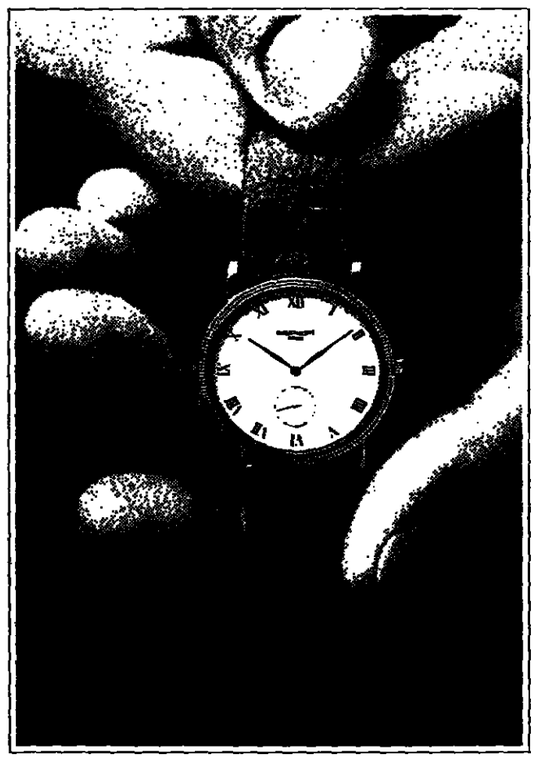
Only when two trust officers were winched by rope down to the ledge where the peregrines nest did the truth become clear. "It would be suicidal for anyone to climb down to the nest without a rope," Mr Tucker said. "Even using a rope it's pretty hairy." He said the rocks were very loose and they were now 99 per cent certain the culprits were polecats, which have been seen in the area.

The same pair of birds have returned to the nesting site near Shrewsbury and the village volunteers are on guard duty again. They are still watchful for human thieves, but this time have bolted a cat scarer on to the cliff face two metres from the nest.

"It emits a high-pitched noise which humans and birds cannot hear but cats don't like at all," Mr Tucker said. "The nest will be permanently bathed in a sound like a burglar alarm but if the polecats put their hands over their ears and really go for it I'm afraid even this won't deter them.

"The peregrines are using an abandoned raven's nest on a small rock ledge and if they fail again this year, we will almost certainly destroy it. Then the birds will be forced to find another ledge on the quarry face which will hopefully be more secure from polecats and people."

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Sinn Fein tells ministers they are endangering Ulster peace process

Adams warns British of 'marching feet and angry voices'

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

GERRY ADAMS said yesterday that the Government's refusal to hold ministerial talks with Sinn Fein had created a crisis in the Northern Ireland peace process.

Speaking in Dublin at Sinn Fein's annual Easter parade, Mr Adams said that Downing Street would be forced to listen to "marching feet and angry voices" if it ignored his party's "reasoned" arguments. His comments, which were echoed by other leading members of Sinn Fein at Easter parades throughout Ireland, marked a hardening of the party's position as it steps up pressure for ministerial talks.

Mr Adams told supporters at the republican plot at the Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin that the British Government could no longer exclude Sinn Fein's electorate. He said: "The peace process cannot be allowed to founder on the rock of British intransigence ... They are now seeking a victory by subverting the peace process."

The Sinn Fein president added that his party had exhausted its diplomatic skills in its attempts to agree an agenda for ministerial talks with the Northern Ireland Office. The two sides disagree on how to discuss the decommissioning of IRA weapons. Sinn Fein has agreed to discuss the issue, but insists that it must be on a par with discussions about demilitarisation. This is unacceptable to the Government because it would equate terrorist weapons with the RUC.

Martin McGuinness told the Easter rally in Belfast that the Government was using the issue of decommissioning to stall the peace process and to force the IRA to surrender. Mr McGuinness, who provides Sinn Fein's strongest link to the IRA leadership, said the IRA would not have called its ceasefire last August if the Government had emphasised the importance of decommissioning IRA weapons.

Ministers will scrutinise the Sinn Fein speeches as they decide when to join the exploratory dialogue that government officials have held with the party since December. Mr Adams suggested on Saturday that the IRA was unlikely to decommission its weapons in the short, medium or long term.

☐ Irish police were continuing to search near Ballyjamesduff in Co Cavan yesterday after finding three mortars, nine detonators, more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition and a two-way radio. The mortars were of the type fired from the back of lorries by the IRA.

CRISPIN RODWELL



A masked IRA man preparing to address republicans at Crossmaglen yesterday

Madcaps discover peace and quiet at Asda

BY ALAN HAMILTON

STAFF at the Leeds headquarters of the Asda supermarket chain have been issued with baseball caps, which confer on the wearer the privilege of not being spoken to for up to two hours.

If any of the 1,000 employees feels under pressure, or unable to concentrate on whatever task is in hand, he or she merely dons the bright red cap with its green letter A on the front as a "do not disturb" signal. Colleagues must then refrain from talking to the wearer, and must answer the telephone and take all messages.

Asda's head office was open-plan, and staff sometimes found it difficult to concentrate when they had important work to do, a company spokeswoman — who was not wearing a cap at the time — said. "When they want to sit down and have a bit of peace and quiet, they can put on their caps for two hours a day. It is a very good idea and has gone down well with the staff, who all use their caps."

The company strongly refuted any suggestion that it might issue baseball caps to shopfloor staff in its 200 stores, enabling them to refuse to talk to customers for up to two hours a day, declining to attend to customers waiting at the tills, and ignoring requests to be directed to the baked bean shelf.

Asda's scheme is the brainchild of the unconventional Archie Norman, chief executive of Britain's fourth largest supermarket chain and a man already known for introducing eccentricity into the serious business of retailing.

He has launched weekly "listening groups" in each of his 200 stores, at which customers meet staff to air complaints and suggestions, as well as a monthly competition for all 65,000 staff who are invited to select a product from the shelves and show how they would creatively promote it. The winner enjoys the use of a Jaguar car for four weeks.

Far more eccentric, however, is Mr Norman's decision that the first British couple to marry in a supermarket shall do so in an Asda store. A couple who met at a "swinging singles" night at the company's supermarket in Shoebury, Essex, will walk down a different kind of aisle from the usual sort, and will enjoy their wedding reception in the store's cafeteria.

Mr Norman will doubtless be praying for a long and happy union that does not deteriorate into the couple sitting on either side of the marital hearth wearing baseball caps.

Boy killed as stolen van hits family

A man was charged with manslaughter last night after a boy was killed when he and his family were struck by a stolen furniture van as they walked along a pavement in Barnstaple, Devon, on Saturday. David Powell, 7, suffered multiple injuries and died later in hospital.

Sylvia and Brian Powell, his parents, were in a "satisfactory" condition after surgery. Their six-month-old son Steven, who was in a push-chair, was thrown clear and suffered minor injuries.

Army tests rival

The Army has carried out secret trials in Switzerland of an Israeli unmanned battlefield surveillance aircraft because of continuing doubts over a £227 million British system. The GEC-Marconi designed plane is now six years behind schedule.

Climber dies

David Lawless, 27, a banker of Liverpool, plunged 500ft to his death down Sgorr Dhonuill, "Donald's Peak", near Ballachulish in Argyll. He had been a member of a party of four that had turned back to take an easier route down the mountain.

Twin transport

Amanda Gardiner, 30, gave birth six weeks prematurely to twins Luke and Oliver after a 55-mile ambulance trip in Easter traffic from St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, where no special-care cots were available, to Poole General Hospital in Dorset.

Airport limit

The International Air Transport Association will tomorrow seek the agreement of the International Civil Aviation Organisation that no passenger should take more than 45 minutes to clear customs, immigration and health checks at airports.

Angler lost

Coastguards and lifeboat teams mounted a search for an angler last night after he fell into the sea from cliffs at Llandudno, Gwynedd. The missing man, aged 47, was last seen floating unconscious 100 yards out to sea off Great Ormes Head.

Four split £9m

Four people will share this week's National Lottery jackpot of more than £9 million, scooping an estimated £2,442,406, the organiser Camelot said last night. Over a million ticketholders will pick up smaller prizes.

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Church leaders unite to emphasise value of the Resurrection message in a doubting world

New Archbishop of York calls for an end to sleaze

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN will be "submerged in a tide of sleaze and greed," unless people learn to respect one another, the new Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, said in his Easter message yesterday.

Dr Hope, currently Bishop of London but nominated last week to become the Church of England's number two, called for "high standards of integrity" from those in public office.

Last month he responded to a campaign by the militant gay rights group, OutRage! and said that his sexuality was a "grey area".

Dr Hope, who, unlike the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, comes from the Anglo-Catholic wing of the Church and opposes women priests, said: "The Easter message is about hope for the future. But many people in Britain today are not optimistic. There is concern about standards of public life. Many regard the economic forecast as indifferent. "Sleaze is a popular word at the moment. The dictionary describes it as 'sordid' or 'disreputable'." Where high standards of honesty and integrity are lacking in public office, there is usually a news story, he says. "Those who serve the nation are there to serve the common good. They are not in it for their own benefit." He says goodness and energy can overcome "sleaze and despair", and calls for people to work together to "overcome the negative forces of evil".

Dr Carey defended the truth of the Resurrection story against those who, in the light of scientific advance, rejected it as superstition or nonsense. Preaching at Canterbury Cathedral, Dr Carey said: "Rather than dismissing religious interpretations of life as increasingly incredible, recent studies in astrophysics have made them more appealing, as scientific materialism has lost credibility."

Dr Carey said: "So pivotal is the Resurrection for Christian faith, that without the claim that Jesus was raised from the dead we probably would not even know His name today and, certainly, there would be no Christian Church." He said that the English tendency to understatement could undermine people's belief in themselves, as well as in God's power to transform. "We doubt too readily our ability to rise to new challenges."



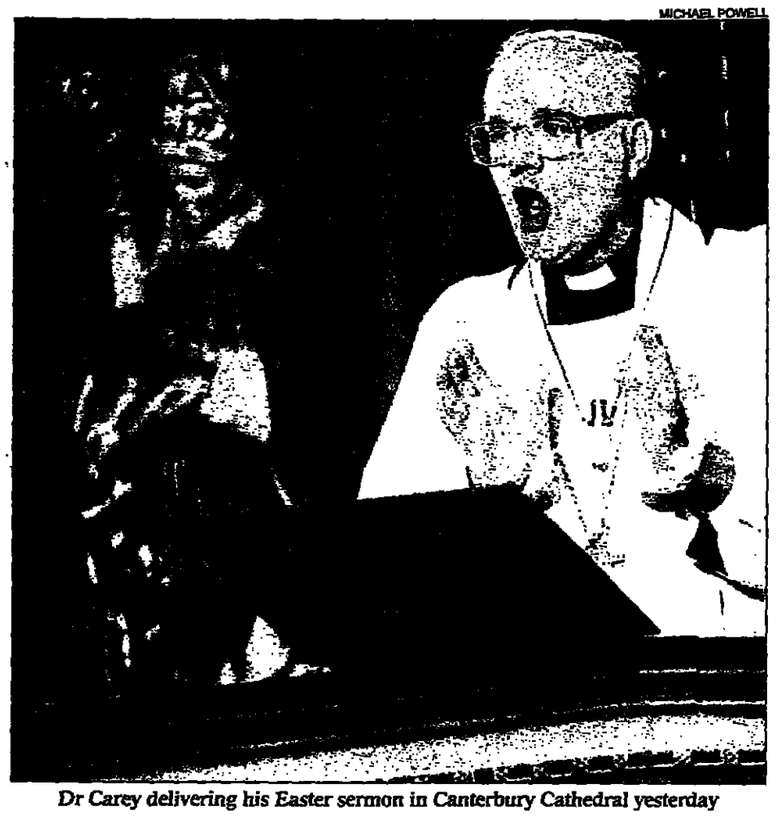
Hope: "work together"

The Dean of St Paul's, Dr Eric Evans, said: "St Paul talks about the power of Resurrection. There are times when we are very conscious of this, when we have perhaps been very ill or at the end of our tether, and we think we'll never be the same again. But we experience healing."

The Rev David Cruise, of the Methodist West London Mission, said: "It is when we are willing to go into places of fear, darkness and suffering, like the women going to the tomb on the first Easter morning, that we discover the good news of Resurrection." The Rev Paul Hulme, of Wesley's Chapel in London, said: "The fundamental claim of Christianity is that Christ was raised from the dead ... Christian hope is not naive optimism, nor bedrock certainty. It is gambling your life on the hunch, sometimes called faith, that God is there in Christ."

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MICHAEL POWELL



Dr Carey delivering his Easter sermon in Canterbury Cathedral yesterday

Cathedral bans girl chorister

THE Archbishop of Canterbury's office has refused to intervene to allow an 11-year-old girl to become a member of the all-male Winchester Cathedral choir.

Emily Edmonstone wrote to Dr Carey after she was barred by the cathedral. "In an age of cathedral cashiers, cathedral shops open on Sundays and raves in the nave, it must be high time we had girls singing in Winchester Cathedral," she said. She included the signatures of 200 people who supported her request.

Canon Colin Fletcher, the Archbishop's chaplain, replied that Dr Carey was unable to intervene as he had no jurisdiction. "It is a matter for the Dean and Chapter to decide," he wrote.

Emily's mother Jocelyn, from Winchester, said that the cathedral's decision to ban her daughter was "blatant sexism". She has started studying for a GCSE in law and intends to challenge the ecclesiastical statutes that she says the cathedral cited to uphold its ban.

Car crash woman's voice box is rebuilt

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN who doctors believed would never speak again after she was hit by a car driven by two joyriders has spoken her first words.

Surgeons spent nine hours rebuilding the voice box of Collette Maragh, 27, who was walking to shops near her flat in Sheffield when she was hit by an Austin Montego. The car tossed her into the air and impaled her on an iron railing before it ploughed through a wall and crashed down an embankment.

Ms Maragh, a communications student, spent eight weeks in hospital before moving to a convalescent home near her parents in Luton. Her mother Thelma said: "Collette is using her mouth and can speak a little, although it is only a whisper, and it is only a few words – 'please' and 'thank you' and the like.

"She is a very determined person and has made a marvellous recovery. She has put a lot into getting better with the help of her family and friends."

Ms Maragh spent a week on a life-support machine after the accident in February. She needed surgery to allow her to breathe through a hole in her neck and also suffered a broken arm, leg and collar bone.

Two youths aged 13 and 14 have been charged in connection with the incident.



The "perfect" diamond

Diamond tipped to fetch £7½m

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

ONE OF the world's biggest and most flawless diamonds will be auctioned by Sotheby's next month and is expected to fetch £7½ million.

The pear-shaped gem, the size of a baby's fist, is the largest internally perfect diamond to be offered at auction. The record for a single precious stone was set by the Mouwad Splendour, sold by Sotheby's in November 1990 for $12.8 million (about £7.4 million).

An added attraction for the buyer of the 100.2-carat diamond, which will be sold in Geneva on May 17, will be the right to name the stone.

David Bennett, director of Sotheby's jewellery and precious objects division, said: "It is exceptional, not only for its size, colour and purity, but also because it is perfectly proportioned."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Exclude TB from fears of flying

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

EASTER heralds the start of the holiday season but any anxieties among the tens of thousands of British air travellers as they board planes this week are unlikely to be centred on tuberculosis.

They may worry about undercarriages, engine failure or bombs but Mycobacterium tuberculosis is not thought of as a hazard. They appraise their fellow passengers as likely terrorists rather than speculate on the bacterial content of their spit.

But American travellers have been alarmed by the Federal Centre for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Air Transport Association's confirmation of the first proven cases of TB being spread by airline travel. The Aviation Consumer Action Project has demanded that aircraft ventilation systems be improved. In fact, standard ventilation systems on all airliners already remove bacteria, including Mycobacterium tuberculosis, although they may not deal so effectively with all viruses.

The incident that caused the case happened a year ago when a terminally ill woman coughing vigorously from fulminant pulmonary TB infected four other passengers during a flight from Chicago to Honolulu. The woman died but the passengers responded to treatment.

Although TB cases increased by 12 per cent in Britain between 1980 and 1992, this represents only an additional 8,000 cases — a small problem when compared with the 30 million people worldwide who will die of TB this decade. In America there are 10 cases per 10,000 each year, which contrasts with 90 per 10,000 in Bangladesh.

This week the *British Medical Journal* re-emphasises the lesson learnt in the 19th century that TB is a disease of poverty. In the poorest 10 per cent of the British population the rate has increased by 35 per cent in the past 10 years compared with the national 12 per cent.

In Britain, high standards of treatment with appropriate antibiotics have kept TB within bounds. Aircraft conditions would seem ideal for spreading TB but the risk is put into perspective by the news that only now are the first air cases proved after many years of mass air travel.



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Met recruits 'paid £7,000 less than expected'

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE recruits are taking advice over possible action against Scotland Yard because they were not told they faced a cut of up to £7,000 in starting pay and allowances. The officers signed on before the changes took effect; some say they were not told of the new rates until they arrived at the Hendon training centre.

There is concern in the force that the pay and allowance packages introduced for officers last year are endangering recruitment drives and causing friction. Over half the officers in last autumn's Metropolitan Police intake have complained about the unexpectedly lower rates and the pressures created for officers abandoning other careers.

One officer with a two-year-old son had given up his printing business to join the police. He had been due to join an intake in the summer, but it was postponed until September. He claims that he was assured he would still get the housing allowance worth several thousand pounds.

Not only has the housing allowance — up to £5,124 a year — gone, but officers must pay for police houses, which used to be a free alternative to the allowance. Section houses for single officers now cost £55 a week and police houses are being let at up to £168 a week.

The financial changes were introduced last summer after the Sheehy report on pay and conditions. Until September 1994, new officers joining the Metropolitan Police started on £12,744 if they were under 22 or £16,044 if older. London allowances were worth another £2,476.

Since last September all officers have started on £13,992 plus the London allowance. This means the maturer officers the Yard is trying to recruit, such as graduates and former military people, lose £7,176 in starting pay. After 18 weeks' training, the pay goes up and they could get either £15,192 or £16,244 basic salary depending on their age and experience in other jobs.

Now, 163 new officers out of a total of about 300 have written to the Police Federation about their cases and the federation has begun taking legal advice. A questionnaire drawn up with advice from lawyers is being sent to the trainees to find out how each was treated. The recruits might lodge an action demanding the same pay and allowances as other officers who joined before September.

Fred Broughton, chairman of the Police Federation, said the new officers had applied to the Yard long before the changes. Many had children and mortgages, and suddenly found themselves several thousand pounds short. "We have dozens of people who say they cannot survive in the police," he said.

Challenge over perks for top staff

BY RICHARD FORD

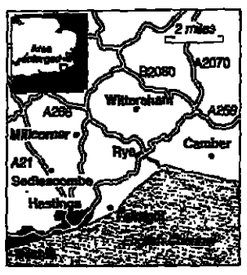
POLICE Federation officials have demanded talks with the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire over a deal that gives top officers cars worth up to £22,000, domestic security arrangements of up to £10,000 and private health care.

The six-year contracts for Keith Hellawell and five colleagues are likely to be agreed by a meeting of the full police authority next week.

Noel Taggart, a Labour councillor on the sub-committee that drew up the arrangement, said: "I do not believe the package is outrageous but I do not believe the old police authority would have come up with anything like this."

The new authorities have 17 members. There are fewer local authority representatives and five independent people.

The tourist trap: part two of a Times series visits havens too popular for comfort



Tide of troubles sweeps Cinque Port

BY BILL FROST

FOR Patric Dickinson, the unofficial poet laureate of Rye, visitors to the ancient East Sussex town were "poor flatulent boobs", "shambling morons" in search of Woolworths and "too-fat adults and kids slurping ice cream as they lurch on the cobbles".

There are many today who endorse his verdict as the number of tourists tramping the streets increases inexorably year by year. They mutter darkly among themselves about the "holiday camp contingent from Camber Sands" and other assorted "yobs" who converge on Rye.

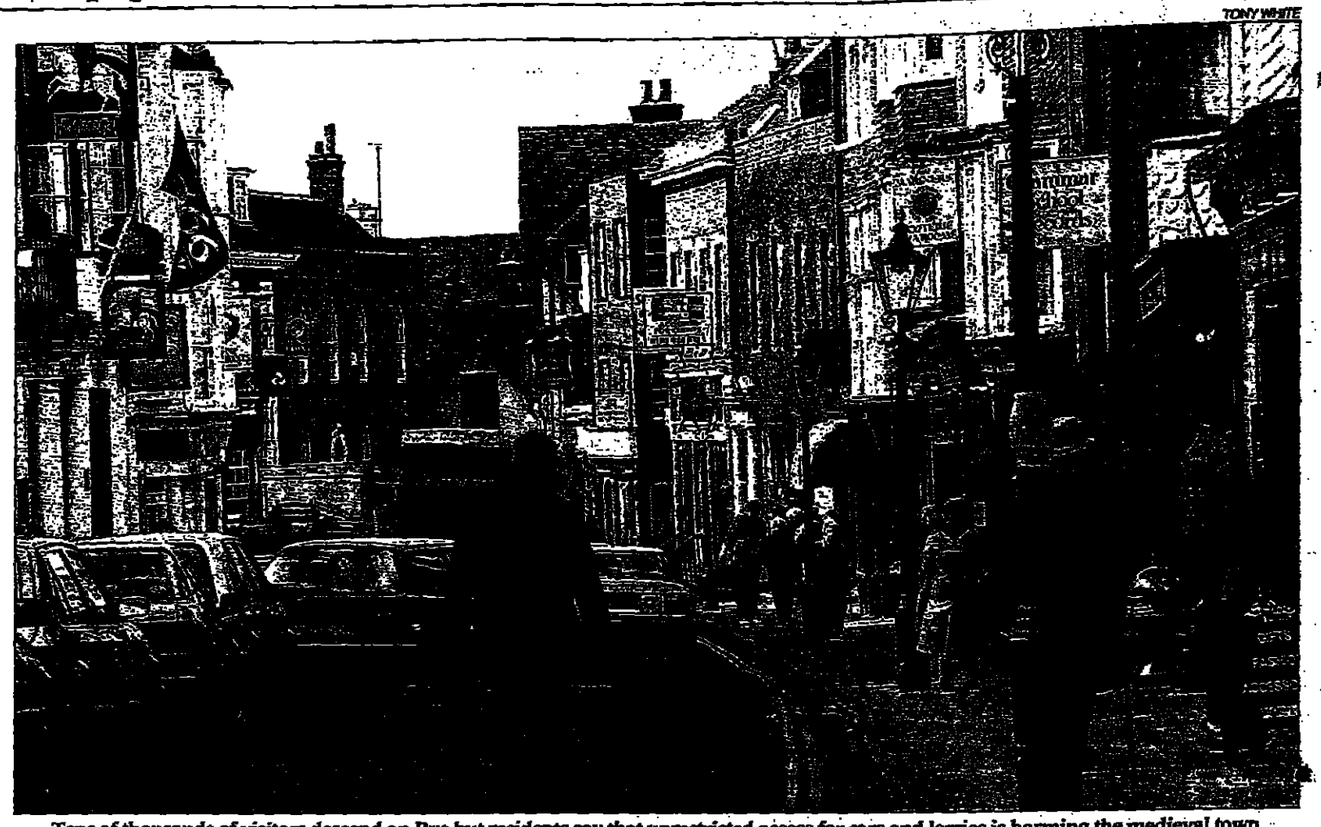
The tourists are drawn by a timeless quality about the Cinque Port which has proved irresistible. For Rye, high on a hill overlooking Romney Marsh and the sea, has been blessed with an embarrassment of historical treasures. Certainly there is some justice in the complaints of those who see their town — population 5,000 — overrun by tens of thousands of outsiders from France, Germany, Japan, the United States and Britain. From early spring until new year there is little or no space on the pavements.

The red brick Queen Anne houses with their tiled roofs and crooked chimneys shake with the passage of traffic. The residents say that unrestricted access for cars and lorries is doing untold harm. Rother District Council has recognised that there is an "environmental imbalance between tourism and the local community which is not healthy". Nigel Ramshaw, the tourism marketing officer, said: "We are well aware that there are many in the town who don't want the visitors. We are well aware too that unless tourism is managed there is a great risk of ruining Rye." The latest strategy, which has still to be put into effect, makes no attempt to limit the number of visitors, as has been done in a number of similarly popular tourist destinations in France. Instead the council pins its hopes for managing the problem on better signposting of attractions and more car parks.

John Ryan, the creator of *Captain Pugwash*, has become stoic about the sightseers who peer through the windows of his beautiful Queen Anne home by the Ypres Tower, a 13th-century castle that is now a museum. With the exception of the Japanese ("I fought against them in the war") he tolerates the tourists.

His artist wife Priscilla has less patience. She said: "The local economy may need these people but there is a real danger that they will end up destroying the place they came to see." Such views meet with little sympathy among those who depend on the visitors for their livelihood. An outspoken publican in the town, who insisted that his name should not be used "for commercial reasons", said: "Those who don't like the tourists are snobs. They want to repel all boarders and won't be happy until all of us who don't speak posh are moved out of Rye into council estates where we belong."

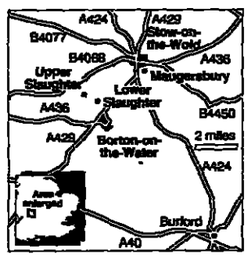
TONY WHITE



Tens of thousands of visitors descend on Rye but residents say that unrestricted access for cars and lorries is harming the medieval town

Bitter villagers left to walk in the gutter bemoan onrushing army of sightseers

Local tolerance at a low ebb



BY BILL FROST

THERE was a time when nothing disturbed the tranquillity of Bourton-on-the-Water, arguably the most beautiful village in the Cotswolds. Sheep outnumbered people and the arrival of a stranger was an event.

Now you will be hard pressed to find a villager among the swarms of tourists who crowd the banks of the Windrush river and throng the souvenir shops, snapping up honey-coloured china cottages, tea towels and other assorted trinkets.

When Cotswold District Council asked the Gloucestershire village's 2,700 residents how they would like to see life change over the next decade, "fewer tourists" was the overwhelming response. A study by the English Historic Towns Forum concluded that Bourton was showing the first signs of "dynamic tension between visitors and residents".

Such hostility surprised district council planners in Cirencester. "The economic importance of tourism to Bourton families is undoubted and, perhaps, should be better appreciated by local residents," they noted. They would do well to consult Joan Burdett, the parish council clerk. "You can always tell a Bourtonian," she says. "They are the ones forced to walk in the gutter because the visitors won't let them walk on the pavement."

Mrs Burdett has in the past been asked by villagers to intervene "in her official capacity" when trippers set up their barbecues on the banks of the Windrush. "Once upon a time I would have told them to stop it. I wouldn't now, though. They might end up putting me on the barbecue."

Now she recognises that Bourton has simply become a victim of its own popularity, with up to a million visitors a year tramping its streets. "On some days it is like a miniature Blackpool without the tower," she says. "All the day-trippers want is ice cream and a cup of tea. You can't blame them — if they live in Birmingham it must be nice to escape for a few hours."

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A million tourists a year descend on the once-tranquil Gloucestershire village

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If yes, how many live with you? _____

3. Your personal details

Height: _____

Build: slight ☐ medium ☐ large ☐

Hair colour: _____

Dress/Looks: casual ☐ fashionable ☐ elegant ☐ sporty ☐

4. Your work

Present job: _____

Self-employed ☐ employed ☐

civil servant ☐ manual worker ☐

part-time ☐ not working ☐

unemployed ☐ in-training ☐

Schooling

O levels / GCSE's ☐ A levels ☐

Further Education ☐ Polytechnic ☐

University ☐ Business School ☐

Other: _____

5. Your Personality

☐ Warmhearted ☐ Fashionable

☐ Serious ☐ Practical

☐ Considerate ☐ Conventional

☐ Shy ☐ Reliable

☐ Romantic ☐ Adventurous

6. How would people who know you best describe you?

☐ always ready for a joke

☐ somewhat dreamy

☐ never has problems

☐ takes life a bit too seriously

☐ not easily upset

☐ always active

☐ chatty

7. Your interests

☐ Wining/Dining ☐ Jazz/Folk music

☐ Pubs ☐ Classical music

☐ Sports/Keep fit ☐ Theatre/Arts

☐ Politics/History ☐ Watching TV

☐ Reading ☐ Smoking

☐ Travelling ☐ Drinking

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☐ Cinema ☐ Homemaking

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MoD may privatise travel business

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE £180 million travel business run by the Ministry of Defence may be taken over by a commercial company.

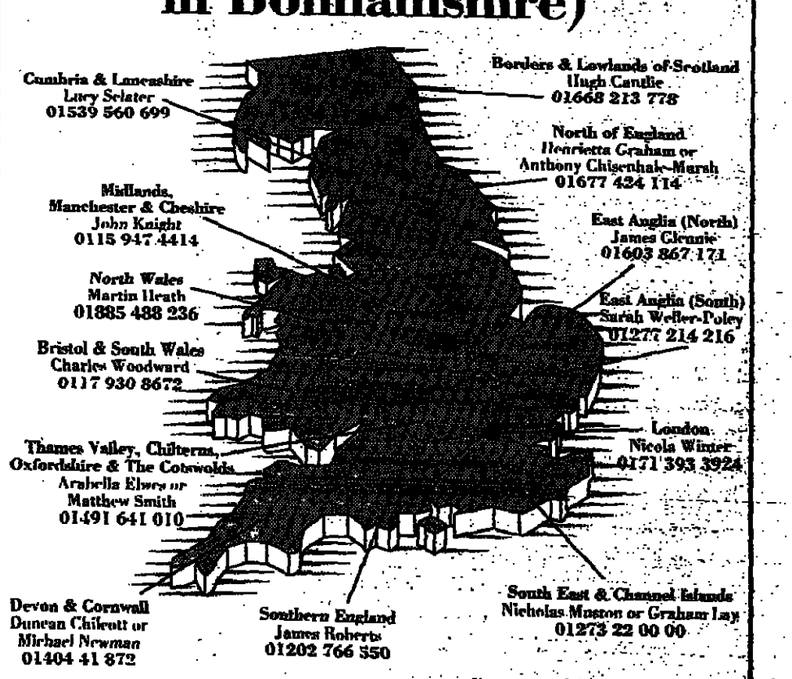
Every aspect of travel, from troop shipments to flights for individual officers bound for conferences, is being examined to see if it can be made more cost-effective. The latest inquiry follows a series of investigations, reviews and studies producing radical recommendations that will take several years to implement.

Options include handing over all or part of the business to an outside contractor or keeping it in-house. Some travel changes have already been agreed. From September, RAF scheduled flights to Washington will cease. The twice-weekly flights from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire to Dulles Airport will be replaced by using scheduled flights out of Heathrow. All seats will be in economy, apart from a few in first class for VIP passengers — officers with a rank of three-star (lieutenant-general) and above. Airlines have been invited to tender.

Ministers have received the findings of an inquiry into Service residences and entertainment by Sir Peter Cazalet, chairman of APV, a food-handling company, and a former member of the armed forces pay review body. He is expected to recommend disposing of about a third of the 78 official homes, although he does not suggest a big change in the amount of entertaining in the Services.

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Accord with Europe cuts Iberian quotas and introduces stricter monitoring of fleets

Canada acclaims pact as victory for fish conservation

By Wolfgang Münchau in Brussels and Michael Dynes

CANADA and the European Union pulled back from confrontation on the high seas yesterday after thrashing out a deal to end their fishing dispute in the northwest Atlantic.

The agreement, reached in the early hours of the morning, ends a feud that has poisoned EU-Canadian relations for more than a month. It divides quotas for Greenland halibut and introduces independent observers on all boats to monitor catches.

The dispute flared last month when Canada passed legislation asserting its right to police foreign vessels fishing beyond its 200-mile territorial limit. On March 9, the Canadians arrested a Spanish trawler, the *Estai*, fishing for Greenland halibut, off the Grand Banks. The Canadians accused the Spanish skipper of catching undersize fish with illegal nets. The Canadians later cut the nets of another Spanish boat.

After weeks of painstaking negotiations, the fine print of the agreement reached yesterday leaves little doubt that Canada has scored a diplomatic victory that will be difficult for Madrid and Lisbon to swallow. Jacques Roy, the Canadian Ambassador to the EU, hailed the deal as "an historic day in the annals of conservation". It was a "trail-blazing conservation agreement" with "formidable safeguards against cheating".

Brian Tobin, the Canadian Fisheries Minister, welcomed the EU's acceptance of the controls demanded by Ottawa to prevent stocks being wiped out by overfishing. "Our objective was not to get a bigger slice of the pie; our objective was to ensure that there was a pie in the future," he said.

In London, Michael Jack, the Fisheries Minister, also hailed the agreement. "As well as settling the question of quotas, a major part of the agreement concerns effective and fair enforcement of the agreed rules," he said.

Under the agreement, Canadian fishermen will now be allowed to fish three times as much Greenland halibut as they did last year, while Spain and Portugal have had their quotas cut to a fifth of last year's catch. Canada, moreover, has emerged from the dispute with its reputation for conservation enhanced. Canada will get a 10,000-tonne share of the 1995 total of 27,000 tonnes set by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation. The deal sidesteps the issue of the EU's quota by allowing Spanish and Portuguese fishermen an additional 5,013 tonnes for the rest of the year without specifying how much EU boats have caught since January. Quotas for 1996 onwards have also been set.

Ottawa will repeal legislation authorising Canadian ships to seize Spanish and Portuguese vessels fishing in international waters, while the EU has accepted stricter monitoring of fishing fleets — including independent observers on every boat, and the introduction of new satellite monitoring measures.

The compromise differs only marginally from the draft text rejected by Spain and Portugal on Friday night. The main difference is that the EU will have a slightly greater share of "bought-in" fishing quotas from Russia and Poland. This difference amounts to only a few hundred tonnes.

The extra 5,013 tonnes allocated to Spain is seen as a concession by the Canadians, who argued that Spanish fishermen had exceeded their limit. From next year, Canada and the EU have agreed to share equally whatever quota is allocated to them.

Canada will be granted observer status on each vessel in the area. Spanish vessels will be forced to carry large 130mm mesh nets, instead of 120mm ones, and the deal also stipulates minimum fish sizes.

The deal must now be endorsed by the Council of Ministers in a written procedure before it comes into effect. It is to be put to the next Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation meeting in the autumn.

- Canada has been given 10,000 tonnes from the 1995 catch limit of 27,000 tonnes set by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation.
- The European Union quota, which is allocated to Spain and Portugal, is increased by 5,013 tonnes for the rest of 1995, without specifying how much fish has already been caught this year.
- Ottawa will repeal legislation authorising the seizure of Spanish and Portuguese boats in international waters.
- Brussels will accept stricter monitoring of EU fishing fleets, including the stationing of independent observers on every vessel, and satellite surveillance to monitor the depletion of fish stocks.
- The conservation principles behind the agreement are now likely to be extended to other species in an effort to halt the decline of fish reserves in the northwest Atlantic.



Emma Bonino, the EU Commissioner and Jacques Roy, the Canadian envoy, signal the end of hostilities yesterday

Spanish skipper held by Navy questioned over size of nets

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

A SPANISH trawler detained at the weekend by the Royal Navy on suspicion of illegal fishing was still being held for investigation in Plymouth, Devon, last night.

The *Chimbote*, from the port of La Coruna, is alleged to have been using nets with illegally small mesh to catch undersize fish. The Ministry of Agriculture said that the skipper was being interviewed and no decision on charges had been taken.

A Royal Navy fisheries protection vessel, *HMS Shetland*, arrested the trawler in the Western Approaches, south-west of the Isles of Scilly, during a routine patrol on Friday and escorted her into the naval dockyard in Plymouth on Saturday night. A flotilla of fishing craft, many flying the Maple Leaf flag to show their support for Canada in its fisheries dispute with Spain, sailed out to meet the *Chimbote*. Fishermen in the West Country fear their fish stocks will be plundered when Spain gains access to waters off north Devon and Cornwall, part of a no-go area known as the Irish Box, from January.

The Spanish skipper faces the possibility of heavy fines. In March, Plymouth magistrates fined the Spanish-owned but British-registered *Blenheim* £311,000 for more than 20 offences. These included making false log-book entries, keeping a false log, landing undersize fish and exceeding catch quotas.

Spanish trawlers have a bad name for breaking conservation rules. Last year the Ministry of Agriculture successfully prosecuted 30 British-registered vessels for fishing offences. A third of these were Spanish-owned — a high proportion given that only about 80 of about 10,000 British-registered fishing boats are Spanish-owned. Ireland has detained ten Spanish boats in the past week alone.

A "spy in the cabin" satellite monitoring system is on trial, which would make cheating much more difficult throughout EU waters. It is capable of logging the course, speed, direction and location of each vessel to within 100 yards, and can tell controllers when a boat stops and starts fishing.

Royce Frith, the Canadian High Commissioner in London, said the support of Cornish fishermen had greatly strengthened Canada's case. "It helped immeasurably," he said in a BBC radio interview. "The Canadian flag became the symbol of conservation."



Diana Bliss and Alan Bond before their wedding in Sydney. They did not appear in public together

Blissful wedding for bankrupt Alan Bond

Sydney: Alan Bond, the divorced former billionaire, yachtsman and art collector, has remarried at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Bond, 56, is best known for financing Australia's victory over the United States in the 1983 America's Cup yacht race. He was one of the richest Australians before he was declared bankrupt in 1992.

His bride, Diana Bliss, 40, is a former public relations consultant. The ceremony was so secret not even guests knew where it would take place until the last minute.

Bond, who bought Van Gogh's *Irises* in 1987 for a then-record $53.9 million (£33 million), was jailed on fraud charges in 1992 but was freed three months later. *(AP)*

Crocs get snappy new look

From Associated Press in Puerto Princessa The Philippines

HOW do you sell the crocodile's new image to a sceptical public? Emphasise that it can go two years without a meal and hide the underwear — the only memento of a local fisherman devoured by one of the creatures.

Since its establishment in 1987, the government-run Crocodile Farming Institute has been working to change the creature's image and preserve the two species native to the Philippines — the saltwater crocodile and the smaller, rarer Philippine crocodile.

"Filipinos usually associate crocodiles with corrupt politicians and greedy businessmen," Sammy Magbuana, a spokesman for the institute said this week. "We are trying to convince them they can actually coexist with the reptiles."

The institute's goal is to develop techniques for breeding and rearing crocodiles in captivity so that farmers can produce hides for bags, shoes and other consumer products as well as meat, a gourmet delicacy.

Panama given bad name by parents

From David Adams in Miami

PANAMA has announced an aggressive campaign to clean up the country's electoral rolls. The problem is not fraud in the register, but too many ugly names.

In the past, elections in the Central American nation, once ruled by the dictator, General Manuel Noriega, were frequently rigged. After Señor Noriega was ousted by American troops in December 1989, however, its electoral system was overhauled and last year Panama held one of the fairest elections witnessed in Latin America.

The electoral authorities are not content, however, with eliminating fraud. One of the three heads of the election tribunal, Guillermo Marquéz, says that irresponsible parents are sullying the rolls by giving their children "denigrating" names.

A recent population census showed that a large number of Panamanians are called Adolf, Hitler, Benito, and Mussolini. Girls were found with sexually-derived names such as Vagina, Venereal and Lesbian. Other names included Barrabas and Martian. Many had names of commercial origin, such as Aiwa, Alitalia, Avianca (the neighbouring Colombian airline), and Chevrolet.

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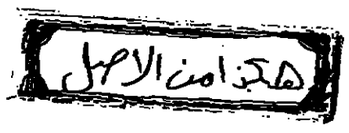


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Balladur facing first-round election defeat

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S presidential election appeared to be heading towards a traditional showdown between Right and Left yesterday, with the final opinion poll of the campaign confirming the dramatic decline of Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister.

After much talk of a new era in which long-standing divisions would be swept aside, the most recent poll has suggested a return to a more habitual scenario, with Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist, and Lionel Jospin, the Socialist, reaching the second round.

According to a survey for the *Journal du Dimanche* yesterday, M Balladur, the second Gaullist candidate, has the support of 16.5 per cent of those questioned, four points behind M Jospin and ten behind M Chirac. Under France's electoral laws, no more opinion polls can be published between now and the first round of the election on Sunday. The same ban applies for the week preceding the second round of voting on May 7.

If yesterday's opinion poll proves accurate, it would signal a first-round elimination for M Balladur less than three months after he was considered such an overwhelming favourite that one of France's best known pollsters described the election as a non-contest.

The swings since then have introduced an element of caution into predictions, with commentators emphasising that a third of the electorate still says it could change its mind. Never has there been such uncertainty so close to the vote, according to *Journal du Dimanche*. One clear tendency is a rise in popularity for candidates generally considered marginal. Jean-Marie Le Pen, of the far-Right National Front, is credited with 13 per cent of the vote, while on the Left, Robert Hue, a Communist, has 10 per cent and Arlette Laguiller, a Trotskyite, 5 per cent.

Over the weekend, however, candidates had to compete for media attention with the man they want to succeed. Responding to a rumour that he was in a coma, President Mitterrand summoned journalists to an aperitif in Bregançon, near Toulon, southern France, where he was spending Easter. The President, who has an advanced cancer condition, said: "I've been seriously ill for eight months. I'm not doing too badly."



Chirac: comfortable lead in opinion polls

Third World states want nuclear treaty altered

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

MINISTERS and officials from 176 nations gather in New York today to do battle over the future of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Britain and other declared nuclear weapon states are confident they have the votes for an indefinite extension of the current treaty, which is due to expire after 25 years in force. But influential Third World countries, such as Egypt, Iran, Mexico and Venezuela, are seeking concessions and want the treaty renewed for a limited time.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, will open the month-long meeting at United Nations headquarters this afternoon. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will be among other ministers to address the conference tomorrow. But a final decision on extending the treaty will only be taken in the middle of next month. All signatories will be bound by the vote of a simple majority.

The treaty came into force in 1970 as a grand bargain in which non-nuclear nations renounced nuclear arms in return for promised disarmament by the nuclear powers. Despite obvious cheating in the case of Iraq, the treaty has scored some notable successes, such as South Africa's decision to forsake nuclear arms.

In the late 1960s it was feared that up to 30 countries would acquire nuclear weapons in the coming 25 years. In fact, only Israel, India and Pakistan — all non-members of the treaty — are thought to have developed nuclear weapons capability in that time.

Four of the five declared nuclear states — Britain, France, Russia and the US — are pushing hard for an indefinite extension of the treaty, which they credit with limiting the spread of nuclear weapons. China, the fifth declared nuclear power, is believed also to favour an indefinite extension. The nuclear weapon states have sought to win support from non-nuclear states by offering them new security guarantees and promising progress towards disarmament.

Sir David Hannay, Britain's Ambassador at the UN, told the Security Council last week that Britain had eliminated its ship-borne nuclear capability and would abandon all its remaining air-delivered "free-fall" nuclear bombs by the end of 1998. In addition, Britain has decided that when its sole remaining nuclear deterrent, Trident, is fully deployed, each of the four submarines will carry no more than 96 warheads, even though each could carry 192. The result, Sir David said, was that Britain had cut the "total explosive power" of its nuclear stockpile by 59 per cent since the 1970s.

Leading Third World countries have proposed periodic renewal of the treaty for five, ten, or 25-year periods instead, in an effort to ensure that they retain leverage over nuclear weapon states. Their demands include a comprehensive ban on nuclear testing; a moratorium on the production of fissionable material for military purposes; the relaxation of restrictions on the export of peaceful nuclear technology; further reductions in nuclear weapons stockpiles; and the application of treaty rules to Israel.

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Russia urges pact review

Moscow: Russia cannot stick to all the terms of the 1990 Conventional Forces in Europe treaty (CFE) while the war in Chechenia lasts, Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, said yesterday. He insisted on a review of the pact, which limits the number of troops and armour Russia can station in the southern Caucasus region, which includes Chechenia. *(Reuter)*

Denktas in poll setback

Nicosia: *Rauf Denktas*, for more than two decades the undisputed Turkish Cypriot leader, suffered a big setback in weekend presidential elections and now faces an unprecedented second round run-off against a former ally next Saturday (Michael Theodoulou writes).

Mr Denktas, 71, won 40.4 per cent of the vote, falling short of the 50 per cent needed for an outright victory over his rival *Dervis Eroglu, the right-wing former* Prime Minister, who polled more than 23 per cent. The second round could be closely contested, depending on how supporters of Ozker Ozgur, the third-placed candidate who [illegible] vote.

Saddam rejects UN oil offer

Nicosia: President Saddam Hussein of Iraq yesterday scornfully rejected a United Nations resolution allowing partial oil sales for humanitarian supplies to alleviate the suffering caused by trade sanctions. To give the presidential decision a semblance of popular support, a carefully staged, 5,000-strong anti-American demonstration was held in Baghdad to condemn what Iraq says is an "American plot" to prolong the overall oil embargo.

Steel to visit Burma dissident

Bangkok: Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader, hopes to visit Burma and present Aung San Suu Kyi, the detained dissident leader and Nobel Peace laureate, with a prize for freedom. Sir David told *The Nation*, a Thai daily paper, that he had been denied permission to visit Burma in February but hoped to go in July and give Daw Suu Kyi the 1995 Liberal International Prize for Freedom. Daw Suu Kyi has been under house arrest since 1989. *(Reuter)*

Naked royalty put out of sight

Canberra: A sculpture portraying the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in the nude was removed from public view yesterday after three attacks that almost destroyed the work. Greg Taylor, who created it, said he was disgusted by the damage done to his sculpture, entitled *Down By The Lake With Liz and Phil*. The sculpture enraged monarchists and also attracted vandals. Mr Taylor said he had received death threats because of the work. *(AP)*



Thomas Elliott, 78, stands in front of Colditz Castle where he was imprisoned for almost four years during the second world war. Mr Elliott, a former captain, was the sole Allied veteran of the castle to attend a weekend ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the town's wartime liberation. The advance came too late to save the victims of the town's Nazi slave labour camp. Manfred Heinz, the Mayor of Colditz, unveiled a memorial stone in the Nikolai Church cemetery to mark the mass grave of slave workers at a satellite of the Nazis' notorious Buchenwald camp. "Colditz Castle was not the worst place in the town during the war," Herr Heinz said. "Hungarians, Romanians, Poles and Russians were murdered in the slave labour camp." Veterans from Britain, France, The Netherlands and the United States laid wreaths at the plaque — the town's first memorial to the slave labourers. The camp held about 1,000 prisoners, who worked in an arms factory and a sandpit. Most died either from abuse in the camp or from the 75-mile march they were forced to undertake five days before American troops arrived. Unlike the slave workers, Allied officers in the castle were treated humanely despite their running feud with German guards. *(Reuter)*

Colditz honours slave labour camp victims

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Pope says dialogue only path to peace

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Pope, in his Easter message, told Palestinians and Kurds yesterday that only dialogue could help them to reach their goals. He also offered comfort to people torn apart by violence in Algeria, Bosnia and Burundi.

The 74-year-old Pontiff also wished the world a Happy Easter in 57 languages. More than 80,000 people, many holding umbrellas, packed St Peter's Square on one of the wettest and coldest Easters in Italy for 25 years.

In a strong emotional voice, the Pope said: "To those who await, in suffering, the recognition of their deepest aspirations, such as Palestinians, the Kurds, or among others, the native peoples of Latin America, the Church proposes dialogue as the only path able to promote just and fair solutions ..."

The Vatican, which established relations with Israel last year, supports a Palestinian homeland but has condemned attacks by Islamic guerrilla groups which have killed scores of Israelis during the past year.

The Pope's words marked one of the few times he has publicly mentioned the Kurds, scattered around countries such as Turkey and Iraq.

In his message, the Pontiff offered comfort to those suffering in Africa and former Yugoslavia. "To families torn apart by war, to the victims of hatred and violence, as in Algeria, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in Burundi and southern Sudan, the Church does not hesitate to renew the Easter message of peace."

The Pope, who last year had to cancel a trip to Sarajevo for security reasons, departed from his text to say that the Bosnian capital was frequently on his mind.

He urged those who were tempted to take up the armed struggle — specifically mentioning the Caucasus, Ecuador and Peru — not to do so.

Yeltsin determined to end Chechen war by VE-Day

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN returned to Moscow yesterday after an extended holiday to face continuing military conflict in Chechenia and Tajikistan, growing problems with Ukraine and political pressure to postpone parliamentary and presidential elections.

The most pressing issue is the unfinished war in Chechenia. Yesterday Russian forces again bombarded Bamut, one of the last strongholds of the Chechen rebels on the northern plains, but they did not storm the town for fear of further heavy casualties.

Nearly 10,000 Chechen fighters have concentrated there and Moscow appears determined to drive them into the Caucasus mountains before Western leaders arrive next month for the VE-Day anniversary celebrations.

The war is still taking a heavy toll. Tass reported that about 300 people died when Russian troops overran Samashki, a town where soldiers high on drugs are alleged to have massacred civilians. The European Union said at the weekend that it was concerned by human rights violations in the town.

The Russian President must also deal with the continuing instability along the Tajik-Afghan frontier. After heavy losses Tajik opposition forces withdrew on Saturday to regroup. Local leaders called for a lifting of an economic blockade, as 9,000 civilians had fled from the fighting and had little to eat.

Mr Yeltsin, who stayed on holiday in Sochi for an extra week, has attempted to give an impression of personal involvement by twice meeting the head of the federal border guard as the Tajikistan fighting dragged on.

In an interview at the weekend he also adopted a tough stance towards Ukraine, saying that he would not sign a friendship treaty until Kiev resolved its dispute with the autonomous region of Crimea, populated largely by ethnic Russians. Yevhen Marchuk, Ukraine's Prime Minister, was due to arrive in Moscow this week to settle the final details of the treaty, but a recent crackdown on Crimea, including the suspension of the Crimean constitution and the abolition of its regional President, has raised Russian hackles.

To quell the political bickering provoked by his absence, Mr Yeltsin insisted that the Russian parliamentary elections must be held on schedule in December. He made it clear, however, that it was "too early" to say whether he would stand for the presidency again next year.

☐ **Gorbachev's loss:** Maria Gorbacheva, the mother of Mikhail Gorbachev, the former President, died in Moscow on Saturday. She was 84.

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ANC turns its back on Winnie Mandela

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA delivered an apparently calculated snub to his estranged wife, Winnie, after she arrived conspicuously half an hour late at the unveiling of a tombstone over the grave of Chris Hani, the assassinated South African Communist Party leader, at the weekend.

In his address Mr Mandela praised veterans of the liberation movement, naming Walter and Albertina Sisulu and Govan Mbeki who were attending the ceremony, but omitting any mention of his wife, who had been given a seat outside a canopy put up to provide shade for the dignitaries.

As she approached the podium afterwards to speak to Hani's widow, Limpho, Mr Mandela slipped out of a side entrance. Mrs Mandela was a close friend of Hani who was murdered two years ago.

At the unveiling of the tombstone at a Boksburg cemetery, east of Johannesburg, on Saturday to replace one destroyed by vandals, Mr Mandela said that the African National Congress did not accept that Janus Waluz, a Polish immigrant, and Clive Derby-Lewis, a right-wing politician, who were convicted of his murder, were solely responsible for the crime but that it was part of a wider conspiracy which would be investigated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

It was Mrs Mandela's first appearance in public since she was dismissed for the second time as Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology on Friday after being briefly reinstated due to a court challenge over her sacking. She has been replaced by Brigitte Mabandla, who was also at the ceremony.

Leaders of the ANC alliance made it clear on Saturday that Mrs Mandela was now on her own. Charles Nqakula, general secretary of the South African Communist Party, said: "Comrade Chris Hani was popular but he was never a populist. He was a militant on behalf of the poorest of the poor, not on behalf of his own career." The ANC would like the Winnie Mandela affair to fade away so that it can concentrate on the looming walk-out from parliament by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party and his demands for international mediation over sovereignty for the KwaZulu/Natal region.

Inkatha will make its decision at a meeting of its national council on Friday. Mr Mandela said in Durban at the weekend that he was not against international mediation provided its purpose was clearly defined.

☐ **Cape Town:** Five men were shot dead and another wounded when an off-duty policeman went on a shooting spree after a domestic argument in Murraysburg, Western Cape. The 24-year-old constable gave himself up early yesterday after attacking prisoners in a police station and holding two hostages overnight. (*AEP*)



Mabandla: replaces Winnie Mandela



Yan Yan, a female panda from Peking Zoo, rests after travelling to Berlin, where it is hoped that she will mate with a male panda, Boa Boa, during a five-year loan

Japan cult leader 'has terminal illness'

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

SHOKO ASAHARA, leader of the cult implicated in last month's poison gas attack on Tokyo's subway system, is in a serious condition from what appears to be a terminal illness, the cult's spokesman said at the weekend.

"The master's condition is quite serious. He has a malfunction of the heart and liver. They could be fatal illnesses," said Fumihiro Joyu, the spokesman for the Aum Shinrikyo group.

Mr Joyu's remarks were widely reported in Tokyo, where police security was at record strength over the weekend in response to a prophecy by Mr Asahara that "something horrible" would happen in the city on Saturday.

There were no unusual incidents over the weekend, but roadblocks remained in place in key business and entertainment districts last night, and teams of police — most of them armed — could be seen roaming railway stations and main roads.

Mr Asahara has been in hiding since the March 20 subway attack. Yesterday a twelfth victim of the subway gas fumes died in hospital.

Léotard salutes French soldiers killed in Bosnia

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

FRANCE'S Defence Minister, François Léotard, yesterday attended a memorial service in Sarajevo for the French peacekeeper shot dead at the weekend.

Hidden snipers killed two French peacekeepers in the Bosnian capital in two days, on Friday and Saturday. Fifty-seven United Nations "blue helmets" have been killed in war-related actions in Bosnia, ten of whom were French.

Peacekeeping officials say there is very little they can do to protect their soldiers from snipers and there is no scope for retaliation. M Léotard said France would have to consider all possibilities after such calculated killings. He alternated between suggesting that France would withdraw from Bosnia and that the Paris Government could not abandon the mission.

"Our presence here is threatened by those who we are protecting," he said. "This is an absurd situation ... when diplomatic action seems to bring us no solution to the crisis, the question of withdrawal is a valid one." M Léotard went on to say that the international community would "lose its honour" if it abandoned Bosnia. The soldier eulogised yesterday was erecting an anti-sniper shield with a forklift truck when a bullet smashed through the windscreen of the vehicle, barely missing him. He leapt to the ground and was shot in the side as he ran for cover. The killing was filmed by a television crew and was broadcast in France.

Bosnian Serb leaders, attending a session of their "parliament" in the town of Sanski Most, met yesterday to weigh their military options. In recent months, increasingly assertive and efficient government forces have shaken the confidence of the Bosnian Serbs. Since the end of last month, they have lost a key communications tower and high ground in central Bosnia and have been pushed out of artillery range of the north-eastern city of Tuzla.

In Washington, Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader, said he would move soon to try to lift the American arms embargo against the Bosnian Government. If the United States supplied arms to Bosnia there would be no need for Iran to provide weapons, he said. Mr Dole was responding to reports that Iran was sending arms to the Bosnian Muslims with tacit American approval.

Israelis shoot dead three Hamas fighters

Jerusalem: Amid high tension in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israeli troops killed three fighters of the militant Hamas movement yesterday during an ambush in Hebron, south of Jerusalem (Ben Lynfield writes).

Israel Radio said that the three Hamas fighters were shot by troops disguised as Arabs. They had been wanted by the army for the past 18 months for attacks in the Hebron area. Guns, grenades and ammunition were found in their vehicle. The city was put under curfew after the shootings.

In Gaza a security court of the Palestinian Authority handed down sentences, for the first time, against members of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, which is the main challenger to the leadership of Yassir Arafat. Two men were sentenced to two years for illegal use of guns. The court issued sentences last week against three members of Islamic Jihad.

Pol Pot menace endures in Cambodia

Even after the barbarity launched in Year Zero, Pol Pot lives and remains a threat, writes ***James Pringle*** *from Phnom Penh*



Killing Fields: a mass grave in Kandal province

AS THEY prepared to kill their victims before open graves by a blow to the back of the head with a hoe, the young, black-clad Khmer Rouge soldiers would often tell them: "Finally you will be of use to the revolution — you will become human fertiliser".

What will be remembered as the 20th century's greatest genocide next to Hitler's Holocaust and Stalin's elimination of the Kulaks — in a country of only seven million people at least a million died — began in an eerie dawn silence 20 years ago today.

After a final night of shelling and street fighting, the brutal servants of Angkar, the then mysterious "Organisation", entered Phnom Penh. In some places white flags were flying, but in others élite units of the forces of the pro-Western Lon Nol regime made their final stand — and were killed to the last man.

On the government radio station, an announcer asked that its soldiers and Khmer Rouge forces should shake hands. Minutes later, listeners heard shots in the studio and another voice said: "This victory comes not from negotiation but from the barrel of a gun". Then there was silence.

"To keep you is no gain, to kill you is no loss," teenage soldiers told bewildered citizens on April 17, 1975, as they ordered the evacuation of Cambodia's once charming but now shattered capital, into the crater-scarred countryside. They claimed the Americans were going to unleash bombing raids on Phnom Penh and its refugee-swollen population of two million.

Anyone who refused to go was executed on the spot, as were the leaders of the Lon Nol regime — many of whom had refused to flee, as South Vietnam's leaders were to do. Soldiers of the defeated Government also died. Sick people in hospital beds were pushed along for a while then abandoned by exhausted relatives, as were old people and young children.

But in some respects, those who died in the days immediately after the Cambodian New Year were the lucky ones.

The "new people" from the city were forcibly resettled among the resentful "old people" in the rural areas of the country, slaving from before sunrise to after dusk on only a bowl of watery rice gruel augmented by mice, tadpoles and lizards. "Even to pick and eat some morning glory, a weed growing everywhere, was a capital offence," Dr Haing Ngor, who appeared in the film *The Killing Fields*, recalled last week. "You were accused of stealing from the revolution."

Educated city people were asked to volunteer for "important reconstruction duties" in Phnom Penh. They were led away, never to be seen again.

"It's useless to lie to us because Angkar knows everything," the Khmer Rouge cadres would say.

In the first days of Year Zero, as the Khmer Rouge called their restarting of history, the young, well-fed automatons with their 1,000-yard stares, were followed into the deserted Phnom Penh by Pol Pot and his lieutenants. They were about to put into practice a system of agrarian revolution that made the political lunacy of Mao Tse-tung's Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution seem mild by comparison.

Not that the Khmer Rouge were the first to start the massacres in Cambodia. After the American-backed coup that overthrew Cambodia's leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk — now King Sihanouk — in 1970, correspondents saw evidence of the bloody slaughter of innocent Catholic Vietnamese civilians by troops of the Lon Nol regime.

Yet where had the fanatical ideologues of the Khmer Rouge — who could kill people just because they spoke a foreign language, wore spectacles or used a toothbrush, all manifestations of "bourgeois lifestyle" — learnt their paranoic ideology?

Khmer Rouge chieftains such as Pol Pot — whose real name was Saloth Sar but who was always referred to as "Brother Number One" — Ieng Sary and Khieu Samphan, were educated in France or China.

In Cambodia and in refugee camps along the Thai-Cambodian border, educated Khmers have spoken of the influence the philosopher Rousseau had over their leadership.

In China in 1965-66, Pol Pot met senior Chinese figures like Deng Xiaoping, now the paramount leader, and Liu Shaoqi, the head of state who later died after being purged by Mao. Pol Pot was said to have been impressed by Mao's enthusiasm for class struggle and insistence that city intellectuals and others "learn from the peasants". The ferocious secret American bombing of Cambodia from 1969 was no doubt a contributing factor to the brutalisation of the Khmer Rouge who endured the onslaught.

The Khmer Rouge were defeated after an invasion by the Vietnamese Army in late 1978, but the Vietnamese outstayed their welcome and remained for ten years.

Western countries lent support to Pol Pot's non-communist allies to bring military, economic and diplomatic pressure on the Phnom Penh puppet regime and its Hanoi mentor, and forced them towards free United Nations-supervised elections in 1993.

After a brief hopeful period, Cambodia is once again a cause of real concern to Western backers. With endemic corruption, the opening of casinos which are major money-laundering facilities, drug-running, prostitution and an Aids epidemic, diplomats say that the present situation recalls the 1970s, before the earlier victory of the Khmer Rouge.

The Khmer Rouge are now on the defensive, weakened by defections and pushed back against the Thai border. But with much of their support from China and Thailand eroded if not eliminated, they have maintained their infrastructure and are waiting for the Phnom Penh Government to collapse. Last week, Khieu Samphan, the nominal leader, called for the "people's war" against the Government to be stepped up.

Pol Pot, now 66, is still alive and waiting in his secure mountain headquarters near Thailand. Diplomats fear that he could still re-establish a base among the country's peasants.

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD



VISUAL ART

A great collector: Kettle's Yard in Cambridge celebrates the centenary of Jim Ede, champion of British modernism

OPEN: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow



OPERETTA

Sarah Walker takes on the Queen of the Fairies in a South Bank concert performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*

CONCERT: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday



JAZZ

Groovy American duo: blues organist Jimmy McGriff and sax man Hank Crawford bring their quintet to Ronnie Scott's

OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Thursday



THEATRE

A classic George Eliot novel comes to the London stage in a new Shared Experience adaptation of *The Mill on the Floss*

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

LONDON

THREE TALL WOMEN Last week to see Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille, showing how youthful high spirits petrify into grim old age. Superb performances in Albee's powerful drama.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736) Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

BYZANTINE TREASURES. Last week *too for a lascivious look at the artefacts* of the rise, decline and fall of a thousand-year empire. An extremely *beautiful show of treasures from British* collections which finds a balance between historic interest and aesthetic pleasure. The real treasures are not the relatively few objects in gold or silver but the exquisitely detailed carvings in ivory, pyxes and panels and tiny *figures*
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (0171-636 1555) Today, 10am-5pm. Until Apr 23 Ⓢ

JAZZ AROUND TOWN The Vortex opens first today, with the London Jazz Orchestra, a 17-piece modern big *band, on board this afternoon and the* venerable Jacqui Dankworth in the evening for a collection of jazz/blues *tunes and pop ballads. Over at Ronnie* Scott's, Hammond organ veteran Jimmy McGriff and alto sax man Hank Crawford know all about choreographing a rousing evening — Crawford is a former musical director of

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

the Ray Charles band. And, finally, the young John Pizzarelli, touted as another Harry Connick Jr, shows off his sparkling guitar skills in Knightsbridge.
Vortex Jazz Bar, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 (071-254 6516). Today, 3pm and 8.30pm. Ronnie Scott's, *Frith Street, W1* (0171-439 0747), tonight-Sat, from 9.30pm. Pizza on the Park, Knightsbridge, SW1 (0171-235 5273), *tonight-Sat, from 9.15pm*

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy, The Killing of Sister George. Mary Rayment directs, with Josephine Tewson and Serena Evans, in the West End from the end of this month.
Theatre Royal, New Road (01273 328488) Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm

CAMBRIDGE: Yuri Temirkanov conducts the always popular Royal *Philharmonic tonight for a programme* of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5 and Shostakovich's youthful masterpiece, *Symphony No 1 — written when he was* still in his teens.
Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street (01223 357851). *Tonight*, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

EDINBURGH: Treat yourself to Hot Shoe Shuffle, *a cocktail of high-energy* tap and big band sounds from Gershwin to Ellington and Fats Waller to Cab Calloway. Great fun.
King's, Lavan Street (0131-220 4349) Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm; Sat, 5pm and 8pm. Ⓢ

HARROGATE: The International Youth Music Festival continues today, *with South Africa's Amazulu Ngoma* dancers at Mother Shipton's Cave, Huddleswell, a Swedish marching and *show band at Newby Hall near Ripon*, and an evening Bank Holiday variety concert at the Royal Hall in Harrogate.
Information Line: *01423 564433* Today until Fri

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . **Hayward:** Yves Klein, final week (071-928 3144) . . **National Gallery:** Spanish Still Life, from Velasquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) . **Royal Academy:** Odilon Redon (0171-439 7438) . **Serpentine:** Take Me (I'm Yours) (0171-402 6075) . **Tate:** Through Switzerland With Turner (0171-887 8000) . **V & A:** Prints of the Raphael Cartoons (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ *House full, returns only*
✎ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'** *Exhilarating* song' n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on *feet.*
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **BROKEN GLASS:** Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER.** Judd Hirsch re-creates his Tony Award-winning performance in *Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years* of Jewish experience in New York. When all's told, it's fairly thin stuff. Alan *Ayckbourn directs*
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

☐ **DANGEROUS CORNER.** Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING.** Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *menage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner from the Donmar.

Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). *Mon-Sat, 8pm. mats* Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

☐ **IF WE ARE WOMEN.** Richard Olivier directs Joan Plowright and Diana Quick in a play by Canadian Joanna McClelland Glass: three generations of women come together after a death and deal with their past.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, Sat, 2.30 Ⓢ

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE.** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Ratigan drama *about bravely facing death. Interesting* and finally touching as it shows the effects of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **KILLER JOE:** Utterly absorbing shock-drama by Tracy Letts where a *trash-trailer family virtually annihilates* itself by employing a hit-man to kill their unwanted Mom. Wilson Milam directs.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Tonight-Sat, 8pm. final week.

■ **INDIAN INK:** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, witty, poignantly, *exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian* resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, Wed, Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE LIVE BED SHOW:** Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed *in Arthur Smith's comedy*
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri *and Sat, 6.30pm and 8.45pm.*

☐ **ONE FINE DAY.** Joe McGann's compelling performance as a devoted dad caught up in a child-abuse case. *Dennis Lumborg's engrossing one-man* play
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

■ **UNDER MILK WOOD.** Roger Michell directs Dylan Thomas's justly celebrated evocation of the little town of Llareggub.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm Ⓢ

☐ **TRAINSPOTTING:** The brutal underside of Edinburgh life, adapted from Harry Gribham's novel. Vivid *performances of a vile way of life.*
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Now booking until May 6

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE LITTLE RASCALS** (U) Tame adventures of innocent imps, based on the *Our Gang shorts*
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) Plaza (0800 888997) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

MURIEL'S WEDDING (15) Ugly duckling becomes swan. Boisterous, *queasy Aussie comedy from* P.J. Hogan.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Odeons: Haymarket (01426 915353) Kensington (01426 914666) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) Renoir (0171-837 8402) Screen/Baker Street (0171-935 2772) Screen/Green (0171-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

ONCE WERE WARRIORS (18) Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori *culture ravaged by the urban ghetto.* Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) Electric Ⓢ (0171-792 2020) MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Haymarket (0171-839 1527) Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

POETIC JUSTICE (15) Over-*ambitious romantic odyssey from* Boyz 'N' the Hood director John Singleton, with Janet Jackson and Tupac Shakur.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

CURRENT

AMATEUR (15) Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley.
Electric Ⓢ (0171-792 2020) Everyman Ⓢ (0171-435 1525) MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ ***AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE*** (15) A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. *Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman,* Hugh Grant and Georgina Cates.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) Haymarket (0171-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Notting Hill Coronet Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) Richmond (0181-332 0030) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18) Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore: *superficially enjoyable version of* Michael Crichton's blockbuster.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DROP ZONE** (15) Wesley Snipes goes undercover to catch sky-diving criminals. Good aerial stunts, otherwise, an empty action thriller.
Plaza (0800 888997)

◆ **DUMB & DUMBER** (12). Idiotic, *good-natured comedy that outstays its* welcome, with Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Leicester Square (01426 915683) Marble Arch (01426 914501) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) UCI Whiteleys Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

HOOP DREAMS (15) Marvellous documentary by Steve James. Fred Marx and Peter Gilbert about two inner city kids and their dreams of playing professional basketball.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **JUST CAUSE** (18) Harvard law *professor Sean Connery wrestles with a* murder case in Florida in a ludicrous investigative thriller.
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THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE (PG) Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by Nicholas Hytner, *with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.*
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Luciano Pavarotti and Lillian Watson give Covent Garden more than its money's worth

Age has not withered him: Pavarotti still presents a healthy figure on the Covent Garden stage. And it certainly *has not* wearied his voice — for *a man pushing 60 the* freshness and virility of his tone is astonishing. While he may not be obvious visual casting for the hero of this particular opera — the assassinated King

Un ballo in *maschera*
Covent Garden

Gustaf III of Sweden, who was slim, gay as a cricket, and wore too much make-up in Cabinet meetings — vocally this remains one of the tenor's best roles: he commands in spades the essential elegance that Verdi wrote into the part.

The big solos are suave and swaggering by turn, and Pavarotti's sense of style, the way he caresses a phrase, *letting it bloom and blossom, the apparently simple yet inde-finable manner of joining one* note to the next to create musical lines — in such matters he is still without equal.

True, he knows where he has to be careful with the voice nowadays, and part of the evening's fascination is witnessing an artist of his stature turning awkward corners without letting the audience in on the secret — in which respect the sympathetic conducting of Edward Downes is a masterpiece of tact.

And Pavarotti does not just sing. His dramatic performance, based on crystal-clear diction, may be calculated *down to the last twitch, but it is* there. A cloud of thoughtfulness, a premonition of death, passes over his face in the jokey ensemble at the sorceress's seance; the death spasms are silent-movie acting of quite the best sort. In short, as audiences at even these prices know (I hope), his Gustaf is a collector's item, riveting in every respect.

He is not the only star of the show. Lillian Watson's perky page is deliciously witty. Giorgio Zancanaro (*the assassin Anckarstroem*) is an Italian singer of the same school as Pavarotti: every line sculpted and based on the words. He may make a three-course meal of his big aria at an indulgently slow speed, but each course is three-star. The American mezzo Florence Quivar, making her house debut, is the most musical sorceress Ulrica I have heard.

There is one other notable American debutante: the soprano Deborah Voigt as Amelia. This is one of the most testing of all Verdi's dramatic soprano roles, and it was thrilling to hear a young voice *tackling it with such confi-dence and ease. Every note, up* to a B snatched at by most brand-X sopranos and a sweetly sustained C emerging without any apparent effort. came purling out. We must hear more of her.

It is sad that such an array of exceptional talent should be seen in such a tired production. Apart from Watson's page — her own production — the blocking has the grace of a tank exercise on Salisbury Plain. But musically, thanks largely to Downes, this is an *exceptional evening. It may* even be worth the seat prices being charged. Lord Gowrie, who was there, will doubtless be mulling that over.

● *This review appeared in late editions on Friday*

Home and heartened

Mireille
Opéra Comique

THE signs of life stirring once more at the Opéra Comique are hugely encouraging, at least to those for whom French opera is an inexhaustible treasure chest. A flurry of reissued recordings made at the Comique in the 1940s and 1950s, including the best *Carmen* yet committed to disc (the competition is admittedly not strong), reminds us what a fine tradition was heedlessly snuffed out when French music went "international" in the 1960s and 1970s and French singers were virtually banned from the capital's theatres. New directions in the vocal department of the Conservatoire may change all that, and the Comique is currently both *exemplar and beneficiary.*

This season has seen Lakmé and Mireille, two works central to the traditional repertoire, and *La Bohème* — in French! — is still to come. The productions are shared with regional and foreign francophone houses, reducing costs and ensuring wide audiences. The performance of *Mireille* (one of 11) I saw was packed out and received with boundless, distinctly un-Parisian rapture.

If it was not quite the most perfect performance of the piece one could imagine, that did not matter: simply to hear Gounod's gorgeous score decently played and sung in this jewel of a theatre was more than enough pleasure.

Robert Fortune's production was frankly dotty. He updated *the action from 1840 to 1900, dressing the chorus as though for some operatic version of L'Importance d'être serieux.* Mireille, the simple girl from Arles, had a bustle, train, parasol and a maid constantly in attendance — the latter's presence did nothing for her mistress's first love duet with the basket-weaver Vincent. This Mireille would never have attempted the journey cross the Crau desert to Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer on foot. She would simply have ordered her carriage.

But Valérie Millot sang the role beautifully, with creamy tone, a warmly sculpted turn of phrase, and just sufficient security at the top to cope with the skitterings Gounod was obliged to insert for the role's creator, Marie Miolan. Christian Papis made a sturdy, not over-poetic basket weaver, and Lydia Mayo was a charmingly authentic French soprano — clear, spot-on with every note — as his sister Vincenette. As the heavy fathers, Roger Soyer and Antoine Garcin upheld the house's fine traditions of crystal-clear diction.

The drover Gurrias demands a degree of macho display, and Jean-Marc Ivaldi's blatant love affair with the women in the audience, conducted double-fortissimo and with appropriate cleavage, was also *somehow well within the traditions of the* house. His drowning in the Rhône amid billowing silk and with the Grim Reaper in attendance was a *moment in the production that really worked.*

The young orchestra boasted an outstanding first oboe and at least one horn that almost sounded as a real French horn should — that is, like a saxophone. David Heusel led a lively account of a score bursting with good tunes and sweet sentiment. Sullivan must have loved *Mireille*: an awful lot of it turns up in *Iolanthe* and *Ruddigore*.

FESTIVAL

Out of steam

IT HAD to be only a matter of time before Michael Nyman, master of pump and piston, wrote his Train piece. Sure enough, the combined forces of the Philharmonia Orchestra and the Michael Nyman Band gave the British premiere of *MGV (Musique à Grande Vitesse)* last Thursday, as part of the South Bank's Nyman festival.

And so, thanks to the Festival of Lille, which commissioned the work for the inauguration of the TGV North European line, *MGV* looks set to join the great tradition of loco music — *Pacific 231, Night Mail, Orient Express.* There is not *much grande vitesse* about it, it has to be said. At a speed scarcely faster than the human pulse, bass woodwind and brass begin turning the wheels. Nyman's Band lays down the tracks, and the violins and horns of the Philharmonia adopt a Wagnerian grandiloquence while the first gradient is being climbed.

But a nifty trombone point-change and a tuba and trumpet of a tunnel later, the nine, 11 or 13-beat rhythmic cycles (to say nothing of the syncopated figure and chord sequence over C and E) get up enough of a head of steam to reach the destination in a little under half an hour. The Philharmonia (under conductor Martyn Brabbins) and the Nyman Band gave the work a Eurostar of a performance, without a moment of signal failure or a single tangling with an overhead line.

They seemed less interested, though, in *The Piano Concerto*, a "reconsideration" of the famous film soundtrack that has sold 1.2 million copies worldwide. Nyman, in his programme notes, pleads a more coherent structure, more elaborate dynamic textures and a more taxing piano part (for Kathryn Stott) than was suitable for the film — not that this is saying much.

This reinvention lacks both the more subtle and the more elusive qualities of the film score: the big tunes are cushioned into downmarker Lloyd Webberisms, the Scottish fragments, suitably and predictably dislocated, evoke little more than a nostalgic memory of Jimmy Shand. This, too, was 30 minutes, as was the evening's somewhat mediocre tone-row of an overture, *Taking a Line for a Second Walk.*

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THEATRE: Why three George Eliot heroines into one will go; the Georgian director Robert Sturua tackles Chekhov

Lived any good books lately?

Alan Franks on how *The Mill on the Floss*, which opens in London this week, became a shared experience for actors and audiences

When it comes to adapting classic novels for the theatre, there can be such a thing as too much respect. Defending the integrity of the page carries the risk of withholding the just demands of the stage. Anyone who wishes to test the merits of benign irreverence should see Shared Experience's *The Mill on the Floss*, which comes to the Lyric Hammersmith tomorrow after months on British and Indian roads.

In describing her own past response to various dramatised novels, the production's co-director Nancy Meckler articulates the experience of many: "Too often I have found myself wishing that I'd read the book before seeing the play and, looking at other people in the audience, was certain they knew something I didn't."

So when the company first sat down to discuss how it was going to work a passage through George Eliot's turbulent waters, the guiding belief was that it should be theatre first and foremost. One very dramatic liberty to have flowed from this principle is the parcelling out of the heroine, Maggie Tulliver, by age into three parts. To misappropriate Edward Albee, it is a sort of Three Small Women arrangement, in which each of the Maggies, whether silent or speaking, is in constant play with the other two. The effect is not only to embody Eliot's implicit point that the child is mother to the woman, but also to underline the presence of the girl within the grown-up. Whenever there is a moment of crisis in her life, the youngest Maggie reacts with a fit in the attic.

This kind of device is at the heart of the Shared Experience technique, the aim of which is to give physical expression to the inner life of the emotions. All the elements of the productions are arranged with this end in view, from the intensity of the playing itself to the disposition of the set, in this case a whirlpool of household effects. From the start of rehearsals the actors are encouraged to go deep into their memories of childhood in order to tap the spontaneity of that condition.

With *Anna Karenina* two years ago, and now *The Mill on the Floss*, Shared Experience has just about cornered the market in this brand of free but emotionally scrupulous reworking. And although the company does not regard itself as being just a recycling plant for great fiction, it has its own strong precedent in the form. Early in its life, under founder director Mike Alfreds, it staged a powerful *Bleak House*, whose blend of sweep and economy influenced the RSC's subsequent long-running version of *Nicholas Nickleby*.

> With skill and ingenuity novels can become strong pieces of theatre

Meckler has been artistic director since 1987, after spells at Hampstead and Leicester, and also claims the distinction of being the first woman to direct a play (*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*) on the National Theatre's Lyttelton stage.

"For a company of our size," she says, "it is virtually impossible to do the large classical plays, whereas with skill and ingenuity novels like these can become tremendously strong pieces of theatre. Although I stick to the point about not being too reverent, we are very heartened when people who liked the book have also got something from the play.

"The material we choose allows us to explore a world that is usually hidden from view. You might see that world in music, or painting, or dance, but in the theatre, because of the predominance of naturalism, it is only the outer symptoms that are visible.

"When we do something like the George Eliot, we will sit down together and try to decide what the book is really about, or at least try to determine what it is that we are most interested in," she says. "The answer in this case was Maggie's journey, the fact that she was an extraordinary child who was trying to be true to herself and coming up against terrible restrictions from within and without."

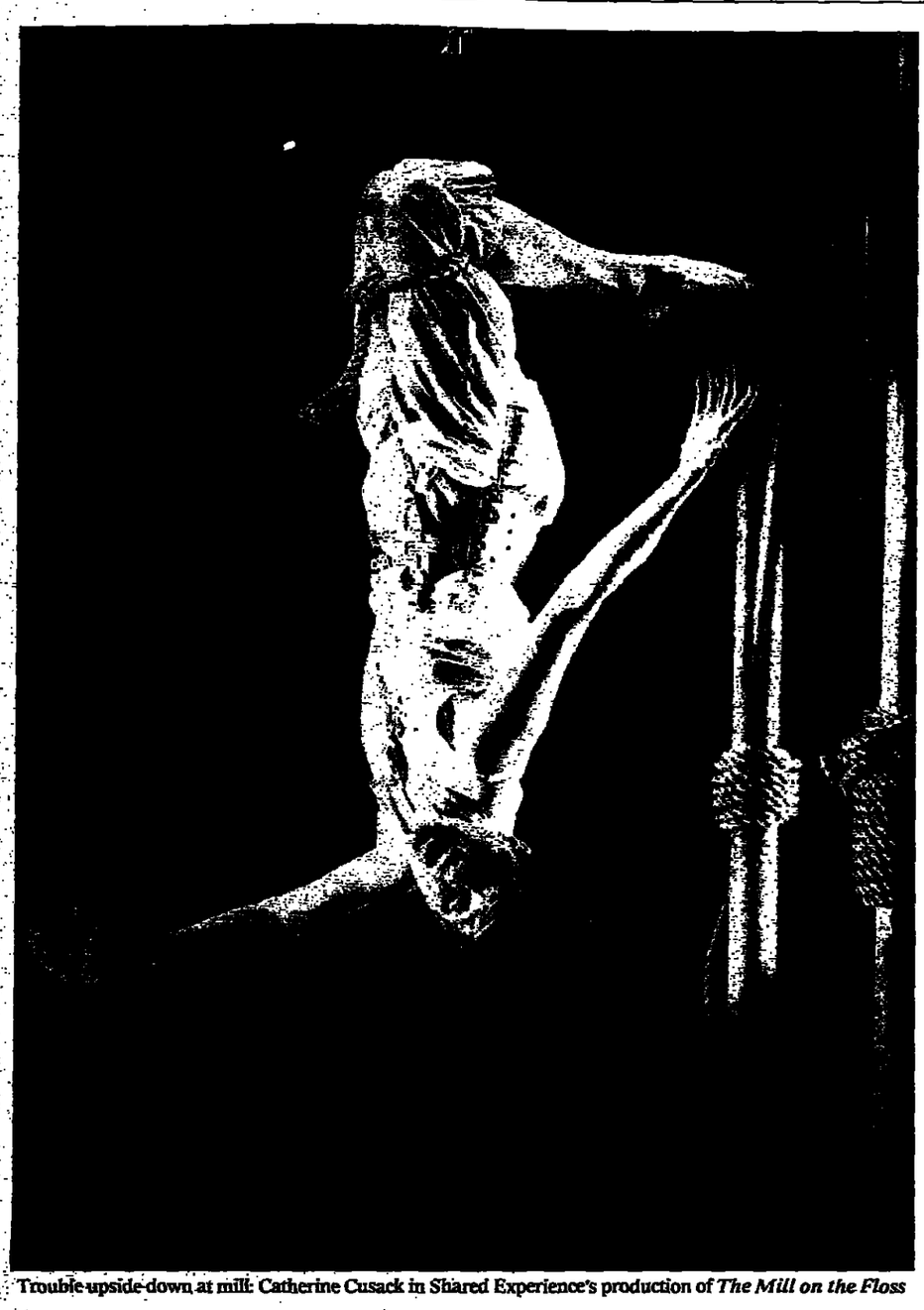
From its two-studio base in the converted Soho Laundry in London, Shared Experience usually tours two productions each year, visiting theatres of every size, from the large ones of the cities on the top touring circuit to the modest arts centres of small country towns. The play is effectively the star, so a big "name" like *The Mill on the Floss* can expect to fill a 700-seater in most places. The company also runs a youth theatre and education programme.

During the past few weeks *The Mill on the Floss* has been playing in the cities of India, often to audiences of more than 1,000. According to Meckler's co-director Polly Teale, the experience was daunting because of the size of the houses, but also affirming because of the communicative power of the company's highly physical acting.

"The story was if anything more relevant there than in England," she says. "Or at least more immediately so. Only 10 per cent of the women can read, so the whole question of the female's role in society is an extremely sensitive one. And the idea of dying in a flood, of a family losing its fortune . . . these things could be very closely related to. Then there is that whole issue of duty versus passion, of whether you should be true to your sexual nature and obey that, or find someone who is socially compatible. Again there is enormous relevance, in a country that knows about arranged marriages. People were very moved."

The only question now is whether Hammersmith is ready. The signs are that it is.

● *The Mill on the Floss previews tomorrow and opens on Wednesday at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith (0181-741 2311)*



Trouble upside-down at mill: Catherine Cusack in Shared Experience's production of *The Mill on the Floss*

This bird never leaves the ground

The Seagull
Theatre Royal, Bath

INDIVIDUALLY the performances in this touring production are intriguing, or show aspects of passing interest, but the Georgian director, Robert Sturua, has not brought them together to make a uniform whole. Instead, we are given an odd collage of different ways of acting Chekhov.

Here is James Dreyfus's hungry Medvedenko, prowling around the edges of the set, fluttering his arms in the agitation of misprized love, getting his leg over Masha in Act IV and all but having her on the sofa. It is a febrile performance, legitimate on its own terms (except for the leg-over), but does not operate on the same psychological level as Michael Carter's Dorn.

Perhaps because Dorn is a doctor and occasionally voices comments upon the other characters, Sturua employs him as a narrator, even as a stage-manager — holding out a commanding arm during a scene-change — and positions him watchfully at the corner of the stage at times when he has no business to be there. While it is true that Chekhov was also a doctor, and Dorn has a sharper grasp of reality than anyone else, this by no means implies that he is an author's mouthpiece. Masha, who implores his help, and in an earlier draft is his undoubted illegitimate daughter, gets nothing from him.

She is played by Aisling O'Sullivan, in the first three acts as if her function is to warn the audience off hard liquor. Again, it is the case that she drinks too much; but O'Sullivan's slurred speech and wobbling smile imply that she is always half seas over. On the other hand, it is persuasive to motivate the remark about her leg going to sleep as an excuse for a drunken stumble.

The ice-grey set is the design of Georgi Alexi-Meskhishvili, Sturua's colleague at Rustaveli Theatre in Tbilisi. He gives us a misty moon and a watery sun, but no hint of a storm in the last act, and the frostbitten landscape makes a depressing view. Surely the dead bees angrily mourned by Jonathan Cecil's Sorin starved to death in this wilderness?

Michael Sheen has given some mesmeric performances recently, but his intention with Constantine seems to be that of mesmerising us with frantic activity. This is no lovelorn depressive: long before he sweeps off in the tantrum provoked by his mother's scorn he has been darting from chair to chair, rushing through the curtains of his lakeside stage. His crazed smile put me in mind of a young Ken Dodd. It is a study in mania based on the dread of looking into himself and discovering nothing, and thus connects logically to his final despair. But despite the perceptive touch of tearing his



Robert Sturua directs a flightless Chekhov gull

most precious manuscript slowly, his predicament is unmoving, and the scenes with his mother are noisy rather than heartfelt.

Deborah Findlay's Arkadina is surprisingly superficial, and Aden Gillett makes a dull Trigorin, though Sturua finds an interesting way to emphasise his chilling detachment by making him note down in his pocketbook Arkadina's reactions to her son's suicide.

Kate Beckinsale's Nina varies between the credible, when naively gushing, to the improbably sophisticated. She crisply rubbishes the dead seagull's symbolism like Flora Poste (her recent TV role) repelled by Constantine Starkadder. All in all, therefore, this is an earthbound *Seagull*.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Back to the big screen for Rea

IRISH actor **Stephen Rea** may be attracting crowds at the Tricycle Theatre in north London with his return to the stage in *Uncle Vanya*, but he will not be long absent from the cinema, which has been wooing him ever since his surprise success in *The Crying Game*. Once *Vanya* finishes at the end of the month, Rea has three films set to roll.

He will be working again with longtime friend and colleague **Neil Jordan** on Jordan's *Michael Collins*, about the Irish revolutionary, with **Liam Neeson** and **Julia Roberts**. *A Further Gesture* will pair Rea with director **Arthur Penn**, who years ago gave us *Bonnie and Clyde*. And there is **Louis Malle's** film biography of Marlene Dietrich, with Rea playing film director Josef von Sternberg to **Uma Thurman's** Marlene.

● FURTHER on the film front: May 15 sees the start of shooting on *Death Fish II*, the imaginatively titled sequel of sorts to the hugely successful *Fish Called Wanda*. The new movie will reunite the zany quartet of **John Cleese**, **Jamie Lee Curtis**, **Michael Palin** and Oscar-winner **Kevin Kline**. *Death Fish II*, largely in a zoo, is co-written by Cleese and *The Sunday Times* film critic Iain Johnstone; Robert Young is to direct.

● DIEHARD fans of the late rocker **Frank Zappa** would be ill advised to arrange an eyetest. The Rykodisc label has acquired worldwide rights to the iconoclast's entire back catalogue and, over the next two months, will be putting out a total of 53 CDs, all updated from his original master tapes and many featuring the original artwork. The Frankfest gets under way tomorrow with the release of six titles, two of them double albums, including 1968's *We're Only In It For The Money*, never before available in the format.

● THE newest subject of a tribute album is the late **Marvin Gaye**. Among those contributing to the project — due for a summer release on Motown — are **Madonna** with **Massive Attack** (*I Want You*), **Stevie Wonder** (*Stubborn Kind Of Fellow*), **Lisa Stansfield** (*Just To Keep You Satisfied*) and U2's Bono (*Save The Children*). Also in production is a television special featuring these and other artists performing their tracks.

● HOLLYWOOD'S newest British discovery is dark-eyed **Ben Chaplin**, the 26-year-old actor last seen at the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs in the autumn in the sellout play *Peaches*. Having graduated from bit roles in one Merchant-Ivory film, *The Remains of the Day* (as a footman), to the co-starring role in a second one, the forthcoming H.E. Bates adaptation *The Feast of July*, Chaplin has forsaken his Islington home for the moment for Los Angeles to co-star with **Uma Thurman** and **Janeane Garofolo** (of *Reality Bites* fame) in *The Truth About Cats and Dogs*. The film, directed by **Michael Lehman**, is being billed as a "female *Romeo and Juliet*".

Meanwhile, **Rufus Sewell**, Chaplin's equally in-demand contemporary, is unexpectedly out of a job: his Broadway revival of the **Brian Friel** play *Translations* closed on April 9 in New York after a shockingly brief three-week run from which Sewell was about the only performer to emerge unscathed.

● A QUARTET of outdoor music events is on offer for those confident of a kind summer. First off is Fleadh '95 in Finsbury Park, London, (on June 10): **Van Morrison**, **Sinead O'Connor** and **The Beautiful South** headline. Tickets are £27.50: the credit card line is 0171-344 0044. Two weeks later, Glastonbury (June 23-25) features the **Stone Roses**, **Elastica**, **P.J. Harvey** and many more. Weekend tickets are £65 plus booking fee. Tel: 01179-767868.

Womad hits Reading in July (21-23) with **Ali Farka Toure** heading a distinguished world music bill. Tickets are £40 before June 12, £45 after, with concessions available. Tel: 01734-591 591. Finally, the Cambridge Folk Festival (July 28-30) returns to Cherry Hinton Hall with **Elvis Costello**, **Paul Brady** and others. Weekend tickets are £36 before July 19, £40 thereafter. Telephone 01223-463346 after May 15.

DONALD COOPER



Stephen Rea: the Irish actor may be a current hit in *Uncle Vanya* but he has not forgotten his film career

SACRED MUSIC: Rich offerings in a Holy Week festival in London

In the eye of the performer

The Sixteen
St John's

EVERY year before Christmas The Sixteen choir, along with some of the other clients of Magenta Music, the concert and artists' agency, presents festivals of seasonal sacred music at St John's, Smith Square, projects that stemmed from multiple Christmas performances of Handel's Messiah. Now the idea of the Christmas festival has been extended to Holy Week, for which season the storehouse of appropriate music from medieval times to classical is just as rich.

The Sixteen's was the third concert of four during the week, following the Allegri Quartet in Haydn's *The Seven Last Words* and the Hilliard Ensemble in Gesualdo's *Tenebrae Responsories*. It began with Italian music contemporaneous with Purcell. The Sixteen delivered the scrunching, emotive harmonies of Antonio Lotti's celebrated eight-part *Crucifixus*, a deeply affecting meditation on the agonies of the Cross with maximum expression, the phrasing carefully shaped and due attention paid to the clarity of the inner parts. But The Sixteen's director, Harry Christophers, paced the performance wisely, avoiding the pitfall of the indulgent becoming glutinous.

So it was in the rest of the music, which included Tomás Luis de Victoria's wonderfully immediate six *Tenebrae Responsories* for Maundy Thursday, three motets by the earlier composer Francisco de Penalosa (*In passione positus Iesus*, *Ave, verum corpus natum* and *Sancta Mater, istud agas*) which with their own expressive directness and simplicity showed clearly the late 15th-century origins of Victoria's manner, and perhaps Victoria's greatest music, the Requiem Mass written in 1605 for the funeral of the Dowager Empress Maria, wife of Maximilian II, given a deeply contemplative reading.

In all of this music the singing was marked by a relish of drama, a positive attack and an unrestrained quality far removed from the slightly insipid sound The Sixteen often favours in English music. Whether such huge contrasts of light and shade, even of pacing within a single phrase is authentic or not hardly matters — though in one of the Victoria responsories there was at one point an enormous slowing down and exaggeration which admittedly seemed to stretch the freedom a little too far even for my liberal tastes.

Performance practice in the Nineties is about shining light on the qualities that performers see in a piece, not about the in-any-case impossible aim of "doing it right". This audience, and this critic, were duly and deeply moved by these singers' insights.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Passion to remember

Polyphony / Layton
St John's

FIVE minutes into the performance, and it was clear that this was going to be quite some Passion. Bach's *St John Passion*, even more than the more perfectly balanced *St Matthew*, tosses the listener between the emotions of pity and fear with a sometimes violent unpredictability. It was this oscillation, perfectly judged, never overdone, which distinguished Good Friday's performance by Polyphony at St John's, Smith Square, under the baton of Stephen Layton.

Layton, who conducts with minimal, close-focused hand movement, made the strings (a dozen of them) lie low beneath the woodwind in the dark waves of the opening, rising up to the surface through an almost imperceptible crescendo into the shock of the chorus's fierce and desperate cry of "Herr!".

The imprecatory opening chorus seemed an intense, corporate murmur of pleading, taking easy shape and inflection from its words, without ever over-marking their rhythm. The chorales, too — those moments of corporate, possibly originally congregational reflection — flowed as effortlessly as their distant plainsong antecedents. They, too, could be the vehicles of extreme emotions. After the smiting of Christ by the Officer, cunning pacing and balancing of the high-open textures brought bewilderment and fearful indignation to the simple couplets. The choir's 24 voices did little more than breathe their chorale contribution to the bass aria at the death of Christ: this was one of the real *coups* of this performance.

Both Layton and his Evangelist, Nigel Robson, made the most of the highly strung nerves of recitative and dialogue. This was an Evangelist very much in the mould of the great German tenor Peter Schreier: in the style of heightened dramatic speech, addressed swiftly and surely to the audience.

Of the soloists, none was so totally at home with the German language as Robson. But for the power of sheer non-verbal expression, Joanna Levine's viola de gamba solo with contralto Sarah Connolly's aria, *Es ist vollbracht!* ("It is accomplished!"), took some beating.

Stephen Gadd was a concentrated plain-speaking Christus and Gavin Carr a no-nonsense Pilatus, while Catherine Bott, Mark Milhofer and, particularly, Peter Harvey duetted eloquently in their arias with the orchestra's own soloists.

HILARY FINCH

Trouble on holy mountain



For centuries the monasteries of Athos have defended the Orthodox faith. Now, says Sir Steven Runciman, left, their independence is under threat

For the holy mountain of Athos this is a time of hope, but also a time of great danger: the fundamental character of the mountain and its centuries-old status are being challenged.

For more than a millennium the Athonite peninsula has been the home of pan-Orthodox monasticism, attracting not only Greek monks but also Latins, Calabrians, Amalfitans, Iberians, Armenians, Slavs and others. Irrespective of national origin, monks have lived out their austere lives of holy service in a territory that offered hospitality and opportunity to all spiritual growth.

With the support and encouragement of Byzantine emperors and Russian tsars, and a guaranteed administrative independence, the Holy Mountain was destined from the outset to play an influential role in the shaping of Orthodox monastic tradition throughout Eastern Europe. Its continued ability to do so, even in times of persecution, invasion and subjugation, can be attributed to its aloofness from political and ethnic disputes: its privileged status of self-government with respect to administrative and domestic affairs, and its commitment to the Christian ideal that recognises neither Jew nor Greek but rather a holy nation and a royal priesthood.

> Athos should be the boast of Greece — it must be left in peace

During the past two decades there has been a notable increase in the number of monks on Athos, many of them gifted and well educated. But recently a number of disturbing incidents have led to serious disputes between the monks, the Greek State, which is responsible for public order and safety and guarantees the independence enjoyed by the non-Greek monastic houses, and the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople under whose ecclesiastical jurisdiction Athos lies.

It is alleged (largely by the Greek press and Foreign Ministry) that the Athonite monks have assumed an unpatriotic (ie, anti-Greek) policy vis-à-vis the non-Greek Orthodox monks, novices and pilgrims on the peninsula: that they seek to dissociate themselves from the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; and that they advocate total autonomy from the Hellenic Republic. Rhetoric of this kind is not new, but the recent actions of both the Greek Government and the Ecumenical Patriarchate (the latter supported financially by Athens) have indicated quite unambiguously what underlies the current explosive state of affairs.

In May 1992 the entire brotherhood of a Russian skete (a dependent house of a monastery) was brutally expelled from Athos by a delegation from Constantinople with no due process of law. In February 1994 a similar delegation deposed one abbot and the representatives of three other monasteries to the Holy Community (the mountain's elected council) for no good reason. Significantly, the deposed fathers were among the most outspoken on matters of minority rights. Protests were made in the British and foreign press and the depositions were duly retracted.

In recent weeks a fresh crisis has arisen, involving the oldest and most senior of the 20 monasteries, the Great Lavra. Hitherto, this has been one of six monasteries that have continued to support the Patriarchate, but there have been signs that it will join the other camp. This would give the necessary majority to the group that is contesting the attempts by the Patriarchate to undermine the independence and the pan-Orthodox character of the mountain. A majority on the monastic council of the Great Lavra — six out of the ten members — attempted to depose the abbot, Archimandrite Philippos, but he disputed their right to do this. In the Holy Community the majority support the abbot, while a minority support the opposing party.

On March 22 a delegation of five bishops from Constantinople arrived on Athos. This time due notice had been given to the Holy Community, which was waiting to receive them. But to the consternation of the monks the bishops refused to meet them and made their way directly to the Great Lavra, where they instituted a "trial" behind closed doors, in front of the Gospel Book and relics. The abbot remains in place, but three of his most staunch supporters have been expelled from the monastery, leaving him totally isolated. The bishops regard the crisis as solved. The Holy Community is understandably furious at this interference in its domestic affairs.

For their part, the Foreign Ministry and the Patriarchate declare unswerving loyalty to the constitutional guarantees, and to the self-governing status of Athos in particular, "so long as these are interpreted correctly", though what is meant by "correctly" has never been clearly stated.

Yet it is manifestly clear that the Ecumenical Patriarchate, steered by the Foreign Ministry that cannot itself afford to be accused of ethnic cleansing or constitutional violation, has exceeded its mandate of spiritual supervision of the mountain. It continues to do so. Constantinople now proposes to "approve" the elections of abbots and of representatives to the Holy Community. It wishes to vet the applications of non-Greek novices to the monasteries and have the final say in the tonsuring of non-Greek monks. Already it grants (or withholds) blessings not only to non-Orthodox clergy who wish to make a pilgrimage to the mountain, but also to non-Greek Orthodox priests. The Holy Community has received litanies of complaints from Slav and Romanian clergy who never receive a reply to their repeated requests.

The Greek civil authorities apply their own tight controls over non-Greek Orthodox lay pilgrims. The Serbian monastery of Chilandar, for instance, has more than once complained that Serbian pilgrims, applying for a permit in Thessaloniki, are refused entry to the mountain, even though Chilandar had sent a written invitation with promise of full hospitality.

The Holy Community is aghast at these developments and feels totally embarrassed that it must resort to seeking support from other Orthodox Churches, other Christian Churches, the European Union, and even from the Friends of Mount Athos to safeguard the Holy Mountain. In a recent communication the Community asks: "Why should only the non-Greeks be vetted by Constantinople before a monastery can accept them as novices? The Greeks, too, should be scrutinised; otherwise how could one reasonably deny the charge of racism?"

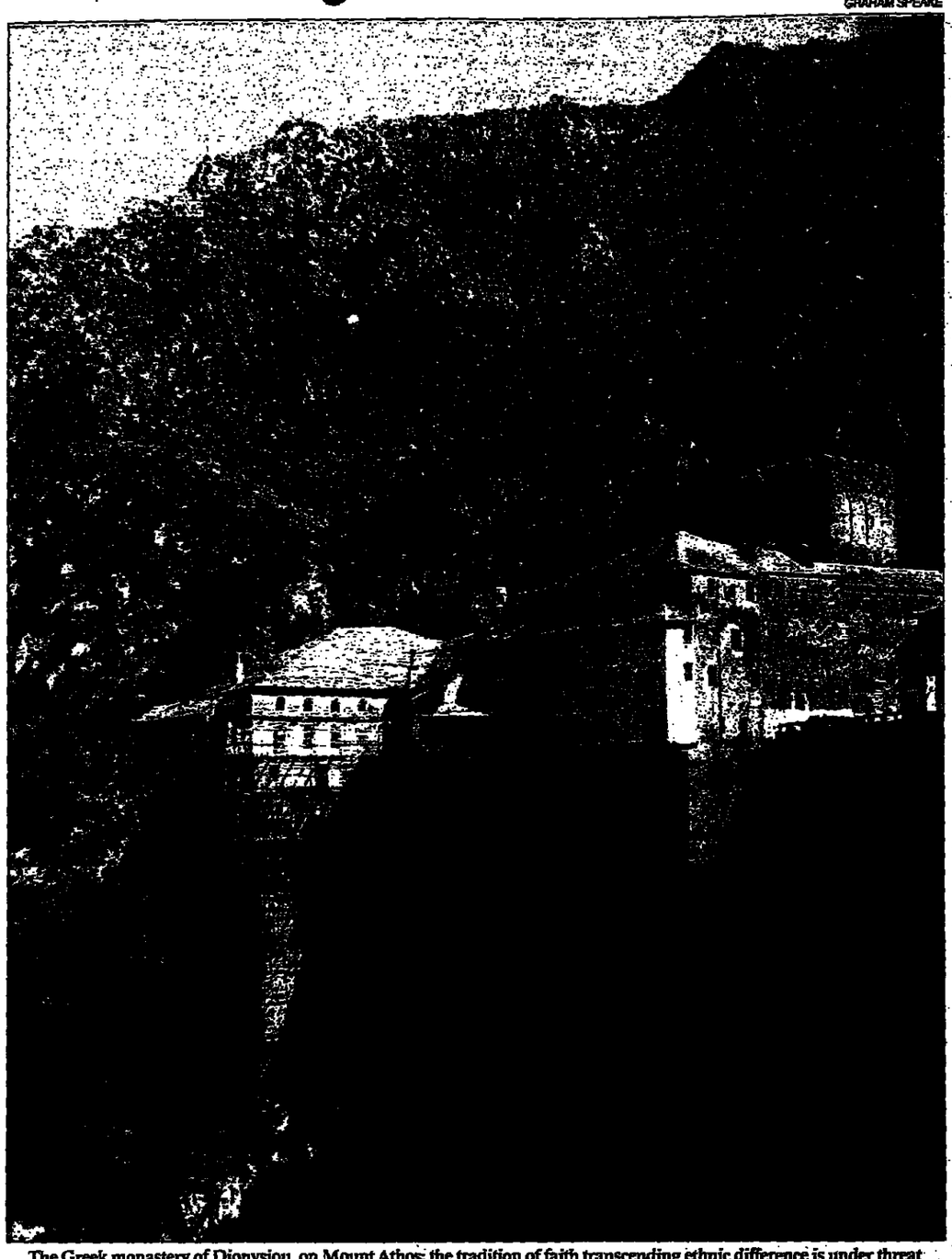
The Community realises that the very heart and strength of Athonite monasticism is its ecumenical profile. As a federation of monastic houses, its belief in supranational parity is not a separatist movement but simply a traditional reality. The fathers' common Orthodox faith transcends and conquers ethnic differences.

Mount Athos should not be the bugbear but the boast of modern Greece. As a member state of the multinational EU, Greece alone can point to this unique republic under God — a paradigm of harmonious collaboration among different peoples striving for a common cause. The Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey, itself a persecuted entity, should rejoice in this most valuable adornment in its spiritual jurisdiction.

The Friends of Mount Athos wish to express their profound concern over the present crisis and to bring these matters to the attention of a wider public. We in the West who have come to know and to respect the glorious spiritual heritage of Mount Athos confirm that for monks to practise their vocation they must be left alone. Then they can toil and pray not only for themselves but "for the life of the world".

● Sir Steven Runciman is President of the Friends of Mount Athos.

GRAHAM SPEAKE



The Greek monastery of Dionysiou, on Mount Athos: the tradition of faith transcending ethnic difference is under threat

After all, it's only a train, Eurostar

Why do they pretend they are flying an undersea airliner?

THE travails of the Eurostar and its tunnel had our sympathy last week. We followed the problems on Radio 4 as we lurched around the edges of Brittany on our own distinctly low-tech form of transport, a sailing boat. As Eurotunnel spoke of threatened financial collapse, we too were staring in horror at a winter maintenance bill in inflated francs.

As *Le Shuttle* grappled with the intricacies of turn-up-and-go, we were trying to find a way to sail 15 miles against a Force 6 without anyone being sick. And the day Eurostar swept its overhead power lines into a cat's-cradle in Kent, we caught a rope around our propeller and had to bribe a burly Breton diver to cut us loose. We too had furious and frustrated passengers ("So when do we get to this famous beach?"). As owner-managers of our own unreliable transport, taking on the elements, the costs and the ingratitude, we empathised. Poor Eurotunnel.



LIBBY PURVES

For it is curious how soon technical miracles get taken for granted. One day we are working things out on the backs of envelopes; the next, calculators turn up in cereal packets and we grumble when the buttons stick. People talk about techno-fear, but techno-complacency is more prevalent. From the reports, you would think it a disgrace that the Chunnel is not perfect: but there is no basic human right to get from London to Paris on your bum in three hours flat.

I did my maiden Eurostar trip recently, for fun. The first wave of journalists freeloaded through, first-class and euphoric. The second wave did it a week later with artfully unlabelled bags, to write stories entitled "How I Faced Death Under the Waves". We represented the third generation: those who pay their own second-class fares and get to sit next to yowling French babies and juggle with fold-down trays and trolley tea.

You trundle through Kent, whiz through the dark for 20 minutes, and emerge into the dull flatlands of northern France. Here you hit 200km an hour while the French conductor smugly announces *vitesse maximum*. You feel there should be an equivalent announcement on the British side in a Terry-Thomas drawl. "We are now approaching our minimum speed, because frankly, old boy, it's vulgar to rush." Just a train journey, really.

The one thing which alienated us last week was the bleat from Eurostar that passengers must think of it "as an aeroplane". It is only too obvious that they are not reconciled to running a mere train, and this stance is a major bore. It may be shorter than a trip to Edinburgh, the tunnel itself hardly more dramatic than an Alpine one; but Eurostar poses as something not far short of space travel. They want you there *40 minutes* ahead of departure, for a ponderous double check-in.

Having a ticket does not entitle you to get on the train like a Christian and sit in your seat: instead you mill up and down, buying socks and watching boarding screens as if you were in an poxy airport. Which is exactly what you were trying to avoid: disguising a train as an aeroplane is like putting tomato ketchup on caviare. Security? The day we went, none of the sensor arches or X-ray machines at Waterloo was even switched on, so they can't be that worried.

We hoped to find the Gare du Nord more sensible, accepting Eurostar as just another transcontinental train, like those which stand at Paris *termini* magnificently labelled Venezia, Prag and Zürich. To our disgust, we found the same baroque check-in and pointless lounge, but with one clue that their Parisian hearts are not in it. The baggage X-rays and electric arches have been installed, not side-by-side but in a straight line.

YOU put your bags down, walk through the arch, get searched, walk back through the arch, get your bags, walk round the outside of the arch and put them on the conveyor-belt. Since there is no reason to believe that the French are insane, we must happily assume that they are taking the mick.

And that, at some future date, the nonsense will be quietly dropped and Eurostars will do what trains at stations do best: stand there, steaming gently, while the passengers board in their own time and lean out of the window shouting "Don't forget to feed the parrot!" to waving friends on the platform.

Then it will really be ours: wires uncrossed, just another everyday miracle. Give it time.

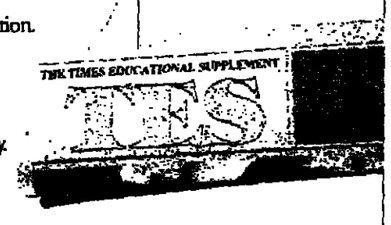
LIVE IN SCHOOLS. STATUS QUO!

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We also look at how other musicians do their bit for education.

The TES. Rock on this Friday.



YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO IGNORE IT

Seven weeks into a new fitness regime, **Ginny Dougary** is pushed to greater limits by her trainer, Simon Howland

A personal best is yet to come

Simon and I are in love. Not! After the last instalment, I was accosted in the street by women I barely know. "He looks nice!" they chorused. "What a hunk!" Wink, wink.

Me and Madonna, you know, we're just so misunderstood. We may both go running alongside a six-foot man with a washboard stomach and a perfect tan, but this does not mean the trainer and his client are romantically involved. *Au contraire*. Simon's hunkiness, frankly, is the last thing on my mind. And there can be few things less sexy, speaking personally, than the pain, sweat and indignity of an overweight person in training.

I do blame Simon. "You want it, I want it . . . Let's do it. *Beyoodiful*. D'ya want it. D'ya *want it*? Come and get it. Get hot for me, girl. Yes. Yes. *YES*." This is not Barry White's heavy-breathing music to jog by. It is my personal trainer's idea of getting me to achieve my personal best.

It is hard to convey how embarrassing this is. Among his many talents, Simon has an unerring ability to choose the worst moments to rev up his patter. "Beatmebeatmebeatme . . . ooh, I love it," he bellowed the other day, just as we were running past the mother of one of my son's schoolfriends.

In the first few weeks, there were some doubts that we'd get this far. How did we irritate one another? Let me count the ways. I am a tricky customer who finds it difficult to respond to Simon's technique. I also want instant results. "So where's my Elle McPherson body?" I asked, grabbing a flabby under-arm after the sixth torture session. "You, Madam," Simon hissed, "are a nightmare of impatience. But lovely, lovely."

He doesn't like my idea of a compliment. "You're good at keeping it interesting, with all your different routines," I said, which provoked an elaborate performance from Simon: look of disbelief, Basil Fawlty rolling of the eyes, and teeth-clenched "Cuh. Thank you *very* much."

And his idea of chivalry leaves a lot to be desired. "You're such a good-looking/beautiful/attractive woman," he used to say, oh, just about every other day, "You really shouldn't be fat." Telling someone in their thirties that a new haircut "makes you look really young" only makes you feel matronly.

And, worst of all, when I grilled him on what he'd do — pant, pant — if I keeled over, he said chirpily, "Give you the kiss of life. Lucky old you." "*Ha!*" I said. "Creep," I *thought*.

The exercise itself did not get off to a good start. The first week I was ill; the second week he was ill. In the third week I went over on my ankle *between* runs, but we were back pounding the ground two days later.

The initial challenge was getting *me* to run at all. We stopped to take my pulse so often that I began to think (hope?) I was too unfit to do anything more than a brisk walk.

To give him his due ("Cuh. Thank you very much"), Simon has had from the start a knack of gauging how far he can push me. In the early days, there were long periods of recovery between each jog. But within the month, miraculously, Simon had me running around the whole common. And, two weeks later, we ran for 30 minutes without stopping. Hurrah! I could almost hear the theme music from *Chariots of Fire*.

There was an alarming period when he had me running up and down with my thighs punching the air. "HupHupHupHup" barked Sergeant-Major. Thankfully, this military element has been excised from our programme since I told Simon my pelvic floor wouldn't stand for it.

Burning fat, alas, is no fun. "It's lovely, Ginny," Simon keeps saying, "out in the fresh air." But it is sheer, unmitigated, slogging, jogging hell. We run in the dark at both ends of the day. We are out in all weather conditions: snow, hail, rain. One evening we went running in a thunderstorm. "Blow winds, crack your cheeks . . ." I yelled at the top of my voice. Which was okay since we had the common to ourselves.

Simon has announced that he is stepping up our routine. He has already got me running around the football pitch *twice* "to warm up", and doing "pyramids" (running up and down) and "spirals" (running round and round). Next week we will run for 45 minutes. The week after we will embark on "split training" — alternate sessions of running for one whole hour (will I survive?) and intensive "body-shaping" at home.

The indoor work is even less glamorous. I do sit-ups, stomach crunches and weight-lifting, while Simon sits on the sofa chanting: "One, lovely . . . two, gorgeous . . . three, come *on* Ginny . . .", and our nanny sniggers in the kitchen.

I am getting fitter quicker than we both expected. But the weight loss has been gradual: 10lb rather than a stone, and no more than 13in, seven of which have obligingly come off my hips and waist. This seems unfair since I've cut out biscuits, chocolate, chips, cake, ice-cream, butter, cheese, oil, eggs and red meat.

I suppose the next step is to give up alcohol and going out altogether. This might not be such a hardship. The other night I was in a friend's restaurant — cigarette in one hand; glass of wine in the other — when a startlingly dim-witted man asked when my baby was due. Simon has taken this very badly indeed.

Actually, considering that we are locked into a sado-masochistic relationship, we are getting on well. The only thing that matters, we both agree, is that we reach our shared goal. I want it. He wants it. But getting there — I'm sorry, Simon — is far from beyoodiful.

SIMON WALKER



"You want it, I want it. Let's do it," chants Simon

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Suspended animation



SOME of nature's most remarkable survivors, able to endure dehydration and then spring back to life at the first splash of water, are pointing the way to new methods for preserving drugs and vaccines.

Cryptobionts, the proper name for such species, are able to go into suspended animation for years. The resurrection plant (above) — used in its dry state as kindling by Texas cowboys — can survive for more than a century before coming back to life when it rains. Animals such as the brine shrimp share the same talent.

The effect was first reported by Anton von Leeuwenhoek in 1702. When peering through his microscope he was astonished to see ordinary dust apparently coming to life. He was looking at rotifers, tiny aquatic organisms that can stop the clock when dry and then resume ordinary life as soon as they are wet. Now several groups of scientists around the world, including a pioneering company near Cambridge, are turning this clever trick to their advantage.



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

The cryptobionts are able to turn themselves into a glassy state with the help of sugars which encase their cells and protect them from damage. Precisely how the process works remains disputed, but what is good for cryptobionts ought to be equally effective for preserving proteins, vaccines, drugs, or even food.

At present, many proteins are preserved by freeze-drying, but this can cause damage, leading to deterioration and limiting shelf-life. Vaccines often need refrigeration, which is fine in developed countries but of limited usefulness in much of the world where they are most needed.

Recently John Carpenter, of the University of Colorado, reported preserving a protein called interleukin-1 receptor antagonist for 14 months at a temperature of 50C, with only 2 per cent degradation, using sugars. He was even able to heat the protein to 100C for five minutes without damage.

Dr Carpenter believes that the process works because the sugars bond to the proteins in such a way as to preserve the same folded shape as the protein has in solution. Each protein folds in a characteristic way, which helps to determine how it behaves in the body. By preserving that form even in the absence of water, the sugars enable the proteins to survive undamaged, he says.

The Cambridge company that has pioneered the technology, Quadrant Holdings, uses the sugar trehalose as its biopreservative. Trehalose is inert, and forms hydrogen bonds with biological molecules, mimicking the bonds that would exist in aqueous solution. One drawback is the high price of trehalose: up to £300 a kilogram. But new methods developed in collaboration with the California biotechnology company Calgene should help to cut costs.

Among the greatest prizes the new methods promise are vaccines that remain stable for months without refrigeration. Quadrant has been working with the World Health Organisation to produce a version of the oral polio vaccine that is preserved with trehalose. Despite even the best efforts with refrigerated storage and distribution, up to 90 per cent of the vaccine shipped to developing countries goes to waste at present.

Keeping cool



MOST people probably assume that scientists accept the truth of man-made global warming. Not so. Dr Jack Barrett, of the Chemistry Department at Imperial College, remains unconvinced. In a recent paper in *Spectrochimica Acta*, he casts doubt on the role of carbon dioxide, a principal villain according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climatic Change.

The role of carbon dioxide is to trap radiation emitted in the infrared region of the spectrum from the ground, so warming the Earth. The crux of Dr Barrett's argument is that the first 100ft or so of the atmosphere already contains enough carbon dioxide to absorb virtually all the radiation emitted by the Earth in the infra-red: adding any more cannot increase the amount absorbed.

His view does not impress Sir John Houghton, chairman of the IPCC scientific panel, who says (in a letter to *New Scientist*) that carbon dioxide molecules are continually absorbing and emitting energy, and that this is taken into account in the models.

Dr Anthony Slingo, of the Hadley Centre, says the mistake is to assume that the lower atmosphere matters. It is only at higher levels that the carbon dioxide radiates into space; the effect of adding to carbon levels is to increase the height at which this occurs. The higher the colder, and the less radiation emitted: so the atmosphere warms. Sounds persuasive, but Dr Barrett still wants a thorough examination of the climate models before expensive decisions are taken.

Light warp



THE BENDING of light as it crosses the universe has been used as a novel test of cosmological theory. The result is that the currently favoured model of the universe appears to be wrong.

Light is bent by gravity, and therefore, argue Dr Joachim Wambsganss of the Potsdam Astrophysical Institute and colleagues in the current *Science*, the amount of bending ought to provide a good measure of the amount of mass in the universe.

The bending, called gravitational lensing, can be detected in the form of split images of quasars, objects that lie at great distances and whose light therefore reaches us after passing close by many other intermediate bodies, and being bent.

So far, 27 of these double images have been seen, but it isn't enough, the group argues. They used a computer program based on the currently favoured model of the lumpiness of the universe, and found that many more split quasar images should have been seen than actually were. The separation of the images should have been greater, too.

This means, perhaps, that the universe is older and contains less mass than we previously thought. If so, it may be "open" — that is, it may go on expanding for ever, although the team suggests it would be premature to jump to that conclusion.

Hugh Aldersey-Williams talks to a pioneer in polymer research about neutron scattering and sensible careers for women

Keeping up with the flow

MARTIN BEDDALL



Professor Julia Higgins: her studies of polymer structures are helping technologists to produce better, more environmentally friendly plastics

Plastics in products and packaging often require the blending of different polymers to produce a desired combination of properties. A soda bottle, for example, must be impervious not only to water but also to the carbon dioxide fizz. It must hold its shape, yet be resilient enough not to crack open if dropped.

Scientists know pretty much how individual polymers behave, but little is understood about the behaviour of blends, especially under industrial conditions, as when molten plastic is moulded into shape.

Julia Higgins, Professor of Polymer Science at Imperial College, London, has made it her business to find out more. She has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in recognition of her pioneering work in this new field. And she has been appointed Dean of the City and Guilds College, Imperial College's engineering faculty. So it is entirely appropriate that on Wednesday, she will be speaking at a Royal Society conference on encouraging more women to take up careers in science.

From an even split between the sexes taking science at GCSE level, only 3 per cent of science and engineering professorships are occupied by women. Professor Higgins will present her analysis of an educational system and scientific establishment that has deterred women from taking up careers in science.

She welcomes the Government's proposed changes to the education system that will enable pupils to study more subjects to A level; they will make it harder for girls to drop science. Does that matter? "It must matter to women: it's cutting them off from sensible careers. And it ought to matter to the nation because we are not educating a large proportion of the population in science and engineering. Women have a lot to offer in these careers."

Her own career in polymer science, which has combined pure and applied science, proves her last point. Professor Higgins aims to provide a fundamental understanding that may enable technologists to concoct better plastics in future.

> Scientists are the people who can protect the Earth

"Almost any polymer that's used industrially is a mixture," she explains. "But most useful mixtures aren't really mixed in the molecular sense. They are heterogeneous, cleverly designed to produce certain properties.

"Why do polymers mix or not mix? Nobody yet has a satisfactory predictive theory to say that if I take this and this, they will mix or they won't. It comes down to very subtle interactions between the two polymers." Because so little is known about the physical and chemical processes in polymer mixtures, creating a successful one can be a rather hit-and-miss affair.

Mixed polymers have benefits, but also one big snag: they are virtually impossible to recycle because it is expensive or impossible to separate their constituents. Professor Higgins's work may assist companies in developing polymer blends that are separable or in other ways more environmentally friendly.

Such research can also send a signal to budding scientists, she believes. "The view of so many young people is that science is detrimental to the environment. The view ought to be that the only way we are ever going to protect the environment is by having more scientists. They are the people who can do something about it."

Early studies of polymer mixtures examined the effect of influences such as temperature and pressure. "That started me thinking about other physical variables that might change what's going on. The obvious one is flow."

Flow behaviour is a critical quantity in industry. Polymer mixtures are stirred, extruded into streams and then moulded into their desired shapes. Because the mixtures are viscous, they experience enormous shearing forces while being manipulated in this way. These forces affect the properties of the mixture and can even tear apart the individual polymer molecules.

Shear can be modelled by placing a polymer sample in a glass container. A rotating lid on the container then allows the scientists to subject the mixing to a known shearing force. Laser or natural light is shone through the sample cell and microscopy, or analysis of the way the light is scattered, can provide information about instabilities in the blend.

However, Professor Higgins's most significant work has not been in optical techniques, but in using beams of neutrons — subatomic particles that carry no electric charge — to probe polymer structures. Analysis of the neutrons scattered by passage through a substance or reflected off it can provide information unobtainable by other means. Neutron scattering has since become a conventional analytical tool, although since it requires a trip to your neighbourhood synchrotron to generate the neutrons, it is hardly an everyday technique.

"I've been able to use a number of new techniques as they have developed, to look at problems I'm interest in," Professor Higgins said. "I've been in the right place at the right time." She has had more than just luck, however. It takes an unusually broad outlook to bring the techniques of one field to bear on the problems of another.

A project funded by Shell illustrates the practical benefits of such fundamental polymer science. Oil companies add polymers to engine oil in order to improve its viscosity over the full range of temperatures at which it operates. Oil becomes thinner when hot. Polymers can reduce this thinning effect, but their lifetime is limited because they gradually break up under the shear experienced as the engine's parts slide past one another.

Shell's innovation was to design and synthesise a special polymer that could survive this process. One end of this chain molecule is soluble in oil, the other is not. In an effort to avoid the oil, the ends that are not soluble cling together. The molecules thus form clusters — known as micelles — in which the chains radiate out from the centre.

These clusters still serve to modify the viscosity of the oil at various temperatures. The clever bit comes as the micelles are mashed by the engine's gears and bearings. "The micelles might break up at these points but then they reform again on the other side, so you've got a regenerating system," explains Professor Higgins. "It's rather beautiful."

Her scattering studies of the polymer behaviour in this system confirmed Shell's picture of the processes at work and yielded data on the fundamental physics and chemistry behind the process which may inform the design of still more ingenious additives.

It is rare enough to find a woman at a senior level in research in any of the physical sciences or engineering disciplines, never mind the several that Professor Higgins embraces. The seed for a career in science was sown early. Julia Higgins was eyed first as a mathematician by her convent school headmistress, but when an inspirational physics teacher joined the staff she promptly switched allegiance. "I was fascinated by it. Every time I asked 'why?' in the chemistry lesson, they said, 'because it is', whereas the physics teacher told me why. It was extraordinarily stimulating."

During 30 years as a research scientist, including four years in France and 18 at Imperial College, Professor Higgins has found fascination in chemistry too, and has moved easily between both fields. Now, with her laboratory's recent acquisition of a miniature extruder, she will be able to study polymer systems under circumstances more like those in industry. "It's taking me nearer to engineering than I've ever been."

The fluidity has been a key to her achievement. "I don't believe in suddenly converting scientists to a new field, but if you put them close together and allow them to talk to each other, you can find new directions at the interfaces."

As for Professor Higgins herself, "I'm very happy in a branch of science where simple experiments are still possible. There is an awful lot that is not understood about polymers. You can ask 'what would happen if . . ?' "

Sailing through space

GERRY McCANN



Professor John Brown says solar sails will be in regular use by 2050

> Is lack of courage delaying the launch of gigantic solar-powered celestial sailing craft?

In the 1981 film *Time Bandits*, a group of dwarfs sail through time and space in a giant galleon propelled by an unseen cosmic force. The film remains science fantasy, but the notion of sailing through space using vast unfurled canvases is gaining scientific ground.

Rather than capturing the solar wind, the sail would propel the craft using the pressure of sunbeams bouncing off its surface. Away from Earth's gravity and in the unopposed vacuum of space, a vast solar sail, possibly the size of Wembley football pitch, could slowly accelerate a craft to speeds of nearly 4,000mph. It would need no fuel, an important consideration in long-distance space travel, and could transport supplies or payloads such as cameras as heavy as an eight-wheeled truck.

Dr Colin McInnes of the Department of Aerospace Engineering at the University of Glasgow says a typical first mission might be to fly to Mars, dispatch a lander to collect Martian soil, and return to Earth. "A rocket mission requires fuel for the return journey but this is not necessary with a sail. Nasa studies show you could bring back one kilogram of soil on a conventional mission versus half a ton with a solar sail."

Professor John Brown, the newly appointed Astronomer Royal for Scotland and professor of astrophysics, says: "I would be astounded if by 2050 we were not using solar sails regularly to propel things round the solar system." Others believe the technology is feasible now if only the cash and the courage could be found.

A group of British engineering companies and space enthusiasts have tried to further the cause by applying for Millennium Commission funding. They are proposing a celestial treasure hunt in which solar-sailed craft drop specially minted pennies on to 20 planets and asteroids. The Light Year Consortium based in Glasgow plans to give prizes to teams who retrieve the coins using solar sail craft.

Solar sails date back to the 1920s when Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, the Russian scientist and pioneer of space flight, proposed using "tremendous mirrors of very thin sheets" and harnessing the pressure of sunlight "to attain cosmic velocities". Several attempts have been made to develop such craft since the 1970s, but all have foundered for lack of cash. One such design was made in 1992 by Cambridge Consultants in England as part of a planned solar sail race to Mars to celebrate Columbus's discovery of America.

The big difficulty of launching a solar craft is getting the vast structure into orbit, where it can be unfurled. The British sail borrowed its design from origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. It was hoped to make it from a lightweight plastic two microns thick, coated in aluminium. The circular sail would fit into a cylinder four metres wide by four metres high. Pliable carbon fibre struts would steer the craft via radio from Earth. Sadly for sail enthusiasts the Columbus Cup organisers could not secure a free launch on a space mission, and proposed designs have been mothballed.

Two years ago the Russians launched the Znamia or banner mission from the Mir space station to prove that solar sails can be unfurled. Theirs was spun open using centrifugal force. While the long-term goal remains using such craft to fly around the solar system as the "tramp steamers" of space, the Russians believe that sails might also be used to illuminate cheaply the dark winters of Northern Siberia by reflecting sunlight on to Earth.

Dr McInnes believes a real effort is now needed to persuade officials at Nasa or the European Space Agency to back solar sailing. "If the money and the motivation were there it could be done now," he says. "But mission planners are incredibly conservative, and there is so little funding at the moment that they are not prepared to risk it on new technologies."

NICK NUTTALL

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Matthew Parris



■ If a scheme of moral duties is to be more than platitudinous, it must say which come first

Are chimps sacred? asks the Oxford science writer Richard Dawkins in a letter to the latest *Spectator*. He is protesting at Paul Johnson's opinion that the sanctity of human life is an eternal absolute, meaning that abortions in modern Britain should be counted on the same scale as Nazi executions.

Dawkins asks whether Mr Johnson believes sanctity was invested at some point along the Darwinian chain from ape to human, a young cave-dweller having once been born whose life was sacred, but whose parents' lives were not. He concludes: "We must learn to think quantitatively. Absolutes are an inadequate substitute for thought."

In saying so, Dawkins points to what has always struck me as the signal weakness of Christian ethics. Our religion offers neither instruction nor guidance nor even hint, as to how we are to "rank" our moral obligations.

Failing to assist its adherents in this task, Christianity fails to help men and women in almost the only ethical dilemma which, for most men and women, ever really is a dilemma. We are all conscious of obligations, and mostly conscious of the same ones. Who doesn't agree that we have *some* duty to our children, our parents, our sisters and brothers, our neighbours, our countrymen, the State, to future generations, to mankind? Who doesn't agree that we may have some duty to animals and some towards the unborn child?

Where we wrestle with each other and with ourselves is not over whether those obligations exist, but over how we should rank them when they compete. They do compete, all the time.

It is true that Jesus's teaching insists that in any competition between the needs of self and the needs of fellow man, we pay more attention to fellow man. But a measure of selflessness is probably, almost by definition, a feature of any ethical system. Having thus transferred attention from our own needs to those of others, Christianity falls strangely silent on the question of *which* others, and in what order. But that is the important question. Christian teaching just gets a glazed look in its eyes.

Search the New Testament for guidance and you will search almost in vain. The view now politically correct in Tory circles, for instance, that Christian values are "family" values, receives scant support from the Gospels. There is little evidence that Jesus was interested in family, and some that He was dismissive of it. He told followers to abandon family and follow Him.

Nor is there any evidence that Jesus wanted us to give moral priority to our countrymen. The parable of the Good Samaritan runs the other way, yet the concept of nation and the duties especially owed to compatriots are hardly disputed among us. We do not provide unemployment benefit for the inhabitants of Rwanda. We do not let them come here.

Nor indeed is there evidence that the Christian owes a special duty to the State. There are some grounds, suggested by St Paul, for thinking a Christian should renounce the State. But Jesus's only recorded advice ("Render unto Caesar . . .") is studiedly evasive. The question "Which things are Caesar's?" is never tackled.

Time and again we are returned to the thought that we should love our neighbour as ourselves, love all men equally and treat all men equally. These may be moving injunctions, but they are impossible. The command that we do unto others what we would wish others to do unto us is either impossible (if it means treat everyone the same) or circular (if it means order our priorities as we would wish others to order theirs).

> When it comes to choosing priorities, Christian teaching just glazes over

I think I can anticipate the Christian response to the above. It is that Christ did not come to Earth to map out a judicial system, organise a scale of tariffs or issue specific instructions for individual instances: He came, I shall be told, to command us to love Him, place our trust completely in Him, lose our "selves" in Him . . . and then (to use the idiom) leave it to Him. If we had faith, I shall be told, we would cast ourselves upon His guidance, which would come direct to our hearts, not in written regulations.

I must say this sort of stuff rolls very easily from the tongue. I apologise if the response sounds harsh, but I think it is bogus. Many have claimed to have found God yet have been led to moral judgments which contradict one another. Whether or not we are lost in the love of God, we have a life in this world to live, and daily decisions to take. By actions and omissions, by the way we vote at the ballot-box or in the House, we raise some above others, give sustenance to some and deny it to others. For seven years as an MP I voted for weapons of mass destruction, and I cannot possibly say I believe that human life is sacred.

Dawkins is right, the retreat into eternal absolutes is a "cop-out" and on a monumental scale.

The spirit of the great destroyer remains potent, and what he ruined has still not been rebuilt

Was Hitler the true shaper of our destiny?

William Rees-Mogg

Fifty years is a short period in human history. The 50 years since the deaths of Franklin Roosevelt and Adolf Hitler do not really allow us to see their historic impact in full perspective, any more than historians could fully appreciate the historic consequences of Napoleon in 1865, 50 years after his defeat at the Battle of Waterloo. From Napoleon came the ideas of dictatorship, of European empire, of nationalism, of mobilisation of the masses, which dominated the first half of the 20th century. The heirs of Napoleon include Bismarck, Hitler himself and Mussolini, but also Lenin, Stalin and even Mao. Like Julius Caesar, Napoleon turned history in a particular direction. Without him there would have been no 1870, no 1914, no 1939, and therefore no Holocaust and no Treaty of Rome.

Since 1945, world history has seen only the immediate aftermath of the Second World War, including the war in the Far East. The four men who framed our modern world were Hitler, Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill. At present it looks as though they should be placed in that order of significance, although a generation ago both Stalin and Roosevelt would have been put well ahead of Hitler.

Winston Churchill was probably the most admirable but least important of the four, even though his role in 1940 may have been decisive. If Britain had surrendered immediately after the fall of France, Hitler would have won, would probably have been able to defeat Russia in 1941 and could have settled terms with the United States, perhaps without war. Churchill was, however, the representative of an empire already in decline; his action in 1940 was decisive, but drew upon the past more than it looked to the future.

Stalin also now seems a less important figure than he did in the 1970s. The whole Leninist-Stalinist structure has collapsed. Strangely enough, Stalin himself thought that it might. He warned his colleagues in the Politburo that without him they would be as vulnerable as "little blind kittens". The terror state of Lenin, Stalin, Hitler or Mao can be maintained only by the abnormal individual will of the dictator; lesser men, the Brezhnevs or even the Gorbachevs, do not have this demonic willpower. Perhaps if Hitler had won the war, the Third Reich itself would have regressed towards the mean after his death, and would by now either have disintegrated or become a relatively mild authoritarian state, living increasingly on the hideous memories of his triumphs.

By 1970, the Roosevelt era was over, not only in the United States as a whole but even in the American Democratic Party. Lyndon Johnson, who did not stand for re-election in 1968, was the last American President to model himself on FDR. Most of the characteristics of the Roosevelt presidency are suspect or have now actually disappeared. America no longer has an imperial President who dominates Congress. The New Deal, based on an unlimited extension of state power for social purposes, may conceivably have saved capitalism in the 1930s, but it now looks more like bankrupting America in the 21st century.

The Roosevelt epoch left the United States as the greatest of the world powers, taking over the peace-keeping role that Britain had played in the 19th century, but American leadership now looks as though it will prove an even shorter period in world history. Power is still moving inexorably towards the mass populations of the far Pacific. American power in the 1990s is far from what it was even in the 1980s (compare Clinton to Reagan) and in the 1980s it had already fallen far below that of the 1950s (compare Reagan to Eisenhower).

One could therefore argue that Churchill has faded because the British Empire has vanished, that Stalin has faded with the break-up of the Soviet Union, and that even Roosevelt's memory is in decline because power is shifting away from the United States. Why then does Hitler still seem important, if indeed he does? The Third Reich was supposed to last a thousand years; in fact it lasted for just over 12, a shorter period than the present Conservative Administration has been in power in Britain, or than President Mitterrand has been in power in France. If Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin are all to be regarded as vanishing historic influences because their regimes did not last for 50 years, Hitler must be the greatest failure of all, since his regime was the briefest and has been the most completely repudiated.

That is how it ought to be, and even now one can hope it will be. Certainly modern Germany seems to have learnt the lesson of Hitler; the Germans are as hostile to Nazism as they are to inflation. Yet in emotional terms I do not believe the influence of Hitler is finished. He may have been the most evil leader of the 20th century, though both Stalin and Mao ran him close. He was certainly the greatest destroyer. After 50 years we mourn the Holocaust because Hitler came so monstrously close to destroying the European Jewish community. He also destroyed the old European order, including the old Germany. He destroyed the very continuity of European history. In the end, even the main European enemy which defeated him, Russia, lost power as a result of the Cold War, which he largely foresaw. Hitler laid waste the ground on which our modern Europe has been built.

This power to destroy, the like of which is hardly to be found in human history, is well symbolised by the atom bomb, which was first exploded in 1945, a few weeks after Hitler's death. By providence, the atom bomb was in the hands of the Allies not of Nazi Germany. Yet Hitler's 12 years were a similar great explosion of destruction. The overthrow of the old European civilisation has not been reversed, though much that is good has been built in Europe in the years since Hitler died. Because of the totality of this destruction, the late 20th century — like the bombed German cities — has been an age of replicas. The old confident values have not been recovered, in Europe or anywhere else.

This Nazi energy was terribly destructive. Such energies do not wholly disappear once they have been invoked. In the 19th century, the example of Napoleon inspired that operatic buffoon Napoleon III, but also Bismarck, the sober but ruthless maker of Germany. Such influences do not prove merely national in their extent. In the 21st century, there is a danger that the world will find that Roosevelt and Churchill are figures of purely historic significance, that the nihilism of Hitler's anger and hatred can still threaten the order of human society. More than the other leaders', his evil spirit may still prove to be a living force.

Keep the party swinging

Peter Riddell says reviving local involvement is crucial to the parties' health



Several Conservative council candidates, in Norfolk and elsewhere, have dropped their party label and run as "horticulturalist", "retired" or independents. This illustrates, as vividly as anything so far in the local elections, not only the parlous state of the Tories but also the broader paradox of party in Britain today. Parties are essential in a parliamentary system, to provide coherence to policymaking and to recruit political leaders. But the parties, especially the Tories, rest on a fragile membership base. Many more people read *The Times* every day than belong to the three main parties combined. Falling memberships have long been debated by academics, but the implications have largely been brushed aside by politicians themselves. Yet what legitimacy do parties have if they can attract less than three in a hundred adults as members?

Until the 1970s, Tory and Labour parties were central in local communities. In suburbs or rural villages, it was the norm for middle-class professionals and businessmen, and above all their wives, to be active in their local Tory parties. In a recent article in *West European Politics*, Jeremy Richardson of Warwick University quoted Tony Hancock's dilemma in *The Blood Donor*: "Something for the benefit of the country as a whole. What should it be I thought? Become a blood donor or join the Young Conservatives? But as I'm not looking for a wife and can't play table-tennis, here I am." That immortal episode went out in 1961, shortly after the Tories recorded peak membership of around 2¾ million. It is now probably less than half a million and, as Michael Pinto-Duschinsky has written in *The Times*, local Tory organisation is in a poor state. Labour membership has also dropped sharply, from a peak of more than a million in the early 1950s to a low of barely 250,000 in the early 1990s.

These declines reflect a loosening of class ties, an associated weakening of party identification and increased social and geographical mobility. These have broken up close-knit communities and undermined semi-automatic involvement in politics. Increased education and affluence have broadened opportunities outside work.

Professor Richardson writes about citizens as consumers in a growing market for political activism. Traditional parties are being challenged by the sharp growth in single-issue groups, from the National Trust to Friends of the Earth. These groups, especially local ones, have a limited focus and can offer greater satisfaction than parties, where the member's influence is small and the work often tedious. But commitment to them may only be superficial, involving just a credit-card donation, and turnover is frequently high. In common with the Church and the Women's Institute, parties are finding it hard to compete with other social activities. So parties may be reduced to a hard core of dedicated enthusiasts.

The two main parties have, until recently, behaved as if the decline in membership does not matter — as if the dominance of television has made mass membership and doorstep canvassing irrelevant. Direct mail and related fundraising have switched the focus from ordinary local activists to a separate group of those with money, who are often not prepared to be active.

Some political scientists argue that the demise of the mass membership party is not necessarily bad, so long as people confer legitimacy on parties by maintaining a high turnout at elections, as they do. According to this view, citizens distinguish between voting and participating in politics in parties or other groups. But that underrates the continued need for parties as a focus of decision-making, and risks their being dominated by political entrepreneurs seeking office separate from local communities. In a perverse way, the decision of the Norfolk councillors to drop the Conservative label, and the reversal of the long-term decline in the number of independents, reflects that utilitarian view. When the label becomes embarrassing, or a vote-loser, it is dropped.

Paul Whiteley, Patrick Seyd and Professor Richardson have argued in *True Blues* that varying levels of membership and activism do affect a party's local performance in elections. The Government's successive measures to emasculate local government since 1979 have discouraged people from standing as councillors and hence from becoming active in local Conservative parties. This may have been as important as disillusionment with the Tories' national record.

By contrast, the perpetual campaigning of *Focus* newsletters, airing local grievances, has been the secret of the Liberal Democrats' local advances. The attraction for activists has been influence over not national policy but a council seat.

Unlike the Tories', Labour membership has revived recently. It is up a third since the 1992 election, to more than 330,000. This is its highest level for more than a decade, though still well below the Tory total. This rise obviously reflects enthusiasm about Tony Blair's leadership, and may, in part, comprise inactive "credit-card" members. But there is also a conscious attempt to shift the balance of power, not only away from the trade union block votes, but also from a narrow activist caucus. This requires a thriving membership, as Mr Blair has shown with cut-price subscriptions and social activities in his Sedgefield constituency.

A further incentive nationally has been the members' right to vote for the leader, deputy and national executive, as well as in the selection of candidates, and indirectly, the ability to participate in the debate over Clause Four. Peter Coleman, Labour's director of organisation, recently wrote in *Tribune* that the party has "to involve as many new members as possible in party campaigns and activities".

Labour's success points the way for the Tories. They need to motivate members, not just by making them more satisfied with the Government, but also by providing incentives to involvement. That requires a reinvigoration of local government and, even, heresy of heresies, some direct participation by members in the party's central decisions. At present, a latterday Tony Hancock would be hard put to find a branch of the YCs, let alone a game of table-tennis, and his local Tory party would be more like a club for the retired.

No, Governor

THE PRINCESS of Wales has chosen to stay at Hong Kong's most expensive hotel, the Mandarin, rather than with the colony's Governor, Chris Patten, when she visits this week.

She has written to Patten explaining that she does not want to impose on him or his staff by staying at his palatial residence. Patten will accompany the Princess for much of her tour, but her decision to eschew his hospitality has caused surprise in diplomatic circles. "One would naturally have expected her to stay with the Governor," says one source.

Buckingham Palace emphasises that the Princess is paying a "working visit" in a private capacity, and that she would not necessarily have been expected to stay with the Governor. "In some places she stays with the high commissioner or ambassador, but not always," says a spokesman. "The cost of the room will be met privately."

Last November, the Prince of Wales showed no such reluctance to stay with the Pattens. And this despite a security scare in which two journalists managed to break into the grounds and take a dip in the Governor's pool. The Prince was still mourning the loss of his Jack Russell terrier, Pooh, while rabbiting in Scotland, and he found Patten sympathetic. He also became fond of the Governor's terriers, Whisky and Soda.



No snub intended

● *J.R.Hartley, the fictitious fisherman used to advertise Yellow Pages, has extended his oeuvre. A Bloomsbury bookshop has had two old tomes rebound to display in its window. The spines read: "From Transvestite to Fly-Fisherman" and "Fly-Fishermen I have shot".*

So there

THOSE who want to see the publishing house of Bloomsbury claw back its intellectual reputation will have been delighted by an article in yesterday's *Sunday Times* by the romantic *belle-lettrist* Anna Pasternak. The publisher's image was tarnished last October when it produced *Princess in Love*, Pasternak's saccharine tale of an affair between the Princess of Wales and James Hewitt. Now she looks like taking her next book elsewhere.

Her vapid prose earned Bloomsbury huge profits, but she says it gained her little respect. "At no time since publication have Bloomsbury made me feel that I was as valuable to them as Joanna Trollope, Margaret Atwood and John Irving, whose sales I have outstripped . . . if they had made me feel one of the team, I would be offering them my next book." Fancy!

Waggish tale

TALK IN animal circles is of a new museum to commemorate the author and vet James Herriot, who died in February. His local council in Yorkshire, which adopted the slogan Herriot Country for its marketing strategy some years ago, is investigating the possibility of turning his surgery into a museum.

His former veterinary partnership is leaving the premises at Kirkgate, Thirsk, for the town's industrial park, and the town council is pushing for a Herriot Museum on the site.

"You couldn't ask for a better way of keeping his name in lights," says one local. "But people might get the wrong idea and bring pets from all over for treatment."

Still standing

THE LIVES of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and his wife Dame Jennifer have been turned upside down. A posse of builders is camping out in their 18th-century home in the Oxfordshire village of East Hendred, which threatened to topple down around them. "It's quite disastrous. We've had a terrible time," says Jenkins. "We always knew there were hidden problems, but our whole house nearly collapsed on us."

The extent of the structural problems came to light recently when they were told that vital timbers had rotted. Previous occupants had pebbledashed an end wall; damp had set in and the structure became unsafe. One unwary step, Jenkins was advised, and it could have been his last. "Consequently the pebbledash has been taken off and all the timbers have to be removed," said Dame Jennifer, who is on holiday in Cornwall to escape the chaos.

● *A new businessmen's club in Peking is all-too exclusive. The multi-million-dollar Success Club managed to recruit only one member — who has now resigned for lack of companionship.*

Dis-missive

A TROVE of Churchilliana comes up next month in a VE-Day commemorative sale being mounted by Christie's. Notable among the items is this rare photograph of Sir Winston in his later years astride a horse. The signed snap is expected to fetch between £800 and £1,200.

A letter which highlights the strains between Churchill and Field Marshal Montgomery also merits attention. It was dashed off angrily by Churchill after Monty had grumbled about the progress of the post-war National Service Bill: "He would do much better to keep clear of politics," it reads. "We do not require to be lectured by him."

P·H·S



Send in the cavalry? Churchill for sale next month



You didn't have to bring everyone an Easter souvenir

NUCLEAR PERILS

The Non-Proliferation Treaty is an irreplaceable asset

In 1962, President Kennedy predicted that 20 to 30 states would soon possess nuclear weapons. The international firebreak which has stood between that dire possibility, and today's reality of five official nuclear powers and the three to five states deemed "nuclear-capable", is the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which came into force in 1970.

Today in New York, the 176 signatories to the treaty meet to decide whether, for how long and on what terms to extend the NPT. Failing agreement, it is due to expire next month. Despite the confident bromides pouring out of Washington and London, the outcome of this critical summit is uncertain.

Britain and the US want the treaty extended indefinitely and unconditionally, and could probably secure a narrow majority for this ideal result. But many states are insisting on a fixed-term extension. If a substantial minority votes against, the moral force of the treaty could be weakened. The problem is that although a world without an NPT hardly bears thinking about, the treaty has never won more than grudging acceptance: unlike other arms control treaties, it has yet to acquire permanent status.

The NPT is an "unequal" treaty, and resented as such by many "have not" states. Its Cold War drafters knew that no country with the bomb was about to give it up, and took the world as they found it in order to prevent it from getting more dangerous still. America, Russia, Britain, France and China, the five existing nuclear powers, were allowed to keep their arsenals — a realistic approach, as was proved by the fact that even this was not enough, until this decade, to persuade France and China to sign up.

The rest, in exchange for promising not to acquire the bomb, were offered access to nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, subject to inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Critics assert that because IAEA safeguards can never hope to be watertight, this trade-off has helped rogue NPT states such as Iraq and North Korea to acquire nuclear weapons technology and materials right under the inspectors' noses. But without this bargain, the treaty might not have lasted as long as it has.

A further bone of contention is that states such as Israel, India and Pakistan, which have refused to sign the treaty and are now presumed to possess nuclear weapons, have apparently got away with it. Egypt, which at one point was threatening to pull out of the NPT unless Israel signed — which it has given no sign of doing — has now said that it will accept an extension, but only for a short period. Finally, "have not" countries complain that the nuclear powers have failed to keep to their promise, under Article VI, to halt the nuclear arms race "at an early date" and to move towards nuclear disarmament, and that only by setting limits to the NPT's duration can they hold their feet to the fire.

Western governments should counter this last argument robustly. Russia and America are now committed to destroy two-thirds of the arsenals they held at the peak of the Cold War. Although there is plenty of scope for further cuts, this is progress by any standard. An indefinite, unconditional extension of the treaty is in fact in the interests of the non-nuclear countries. It would reinforce the case for further nuclear disarmament and keep technology flowing in the confidence that safeguards are here to stay. But there are inducements nuclear powers can offer: they should stop producing fissile material for nuclear weapons, as Britain is now prepared to do, and commit themselves to an early, comprehensive, ban on nuclear tests, other than those essential to secure the safety of existing weapons.

As for total nuclear disarmament, most governments privately understand that total nuclear disarmament is not only unrealistic but undesirable, whatever they say in New York. Nuclear technology has never been easier of access — witness Iraq's near-success, North Korea's suspected nuclear status and Indian and Pakistani capability. So long as it is impossible to prevent all cheating, the great powers must in the cause of stability retain some deterrent capacity.

But the West must put its money where its mouth is. Nuclear safety cannot be had on the cheap, and the West has been starving the IAEA of the cash it needs to operate effectively. Before these negotiations are many days old, Western governments should announce an end to this short-sighted economy. It puts the credibility of their entire negotiating position in question.

JAPAN'S PROBLEM

A "strong" currency does not always mean a strong economy

Judging the competence of the people who govern other countries is always a tricky business, especially when the country in question is as idiosyncratic as Japan. But subject to the usual caveats about the Japanese getting things done in their own unique and inscrutable manner, the politicians and civil servants in Tokyo seem to have shown remarkable incompetence in last Friday's effort to save their economy from the ravages of the strong yen.

Indeed, coming on top of the Government's dithering response to the Kobe earthquake, the horrific poison gassing in the Tokyo subway and last week's municipal votes which saw two slapstick comedians elected as the powerful mayors of the country's largest cities, Friday's almost vacuous "emergency package" for the economy seemed to confirm a disturbing pattern.

Japanese industry has been caught in a vice of a kind not seen in any major capitalist economy since the Great Depression of the 1930s. The strong yen has undermined domestic production and investment. But Japan's trade barriers have prevented the strong currency from drawing in enough imports and producing a new trade equilibrium with which both Japanese industries and their foreign competitors could have lived. Instead, the interaction of free currency trading and Japan's regulatory protectionism has produced a doomsday machine.

In the days leading up to Friday's economic package, Japan's politicians, central bankers and Finance Ministry bureaucrats seemed to be indicating that they had finally understood the gravity of this threat, which private businessmen and economists had been drawing to their attention for at least two years. But in the event, the Bank of Japan merely cut its symbolic discount rate to the level already prevailing in money markets. It failed to announce any more decisive action to undermine the yen, above all by expanding domestic money supply.

The Government, meanwhile, failed to lower any of the protectionist barriers which are the underlying cause of the yen problem. Even a numerical target for the reduction of the Japanese current account deficit over the next few years — routinely considered a key component of macroeconomic management by other countries struggling with severe international imbalances — was vetoed by the Ministry of Finance. It would not allow Japanese policy to be so explicitly constrained by global responsibilities.

The sad conclusion is that Japan seems not to have understood, or at least accepted, that the damage done to its economy by the sharp rise of the yen, especially against the dollar, is Japan's problem, not America's. American industry is enjoying a competitive renaissance because of the weak dollar. Meanwhile Japan is losing its global dominance. Japan must realise that a "strong" currency is not necessarily a symbol of a strong economy and certainly does not confer economic power. It is often the country with a weak currency that holds the whip hand, as America does over Japan at present. Until the Japanese begin to understand, and act on, this apparent paradox, their country will continue to get weaker as their currency gets stronger.

PHONEDAY MOAN DAY

More numbers, more lines: and the nation mourns

The Big History Book on Britain's response to change remains to be written. From the earliest plough to the spinning jenny, from decimal currency to new weights and measures, from compact discs to surtitles at the opera, the unfailing initial reaction of our society has been one of dismay and paranoia. On occasion, this consternation is well-founded: witness the popular recoil from the Maastricht treaty. But our customary riposte to technical change, above all, tends to be Luddite and sentimental: witness the moaning and gnashing over "PhONEday", yesterday's nationwide revision of telephone dialling codes.

Criticism of British Telecom's alterations has been laced with a certain absurdity — "Farewell, beautiful England," some critics have said, suggesting that the insertion of the digit 1 after the first 0 of our dialling codes will shake our *civitas* to its very foundations. Objections to 0171 for Inner London are fretted with precisely the same kind of capping which accompanied the reorganisation of the capital's telephone system only a few years ago. The arrival of 071 and 081 was also supposed to spell the end of civilisation as we knew it. It did not, of course — although it may have ended for other reasons. And no doubt there are those who would still have us dial HAM for Hampstead, or TER for the King's Cross area: touch-tone telephones would of course be prohibited.

The five cities elected for totally new codes need not count themselves unfortunate. On the contrary, they should be glad to be recognised as areas where demand for telephone lines will be heaviest outside the traditional metropolitan areas of London, Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow. British Telecom, at least, believes that these cities promise economic growth. The greater ease with which new lines will be installed in Bristol, to take one example, ought surely to outweigh in importance the momentary migraine of having to erase 0272 from the mind and replace it with 0117.

Businessmen moan about having new letterheads printed. Yet they were informed of these changes as long ago as 1992. Neither commercial nor individual subscribers can complain that they were caught unawares. The new changes have been effected with an eye firmly on the future. Telephone users determined to exercise the national talent for complaining should focus instead on genuine grievances. Why should BT charge for dialling 192, the number for directory inquiries? And why is the cost of an ordinary call still unnecessarily high?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call to strengthen support for NPT

From the Archbishop of York and others

Sir, A review conference on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) will begin in New York on April 17. It is vital that these negotiations succeed (and this is by no means a foregone conclusion), as the NPT remains the arms control agreement most able to limit the spread of nuclear weapons.

On February 9 the undersigned, a Church delegation including three of the six presidents of the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, met the Foreign Secretary to discuss this important treaty. We were impressed by the serious way in which the issue is being addressed by the Government, but we consider it necessary to register concern over some key points.

Whereas the Government stresses the vital need for the extension of the NPT to be both indefinite and unconditional, the delegation stressed that extension must be as enduring and widely supported as possible. Further, all articles of the treaty must be fully implemented, including Article VI, which elaborates the far-reaching undertaking of the parties to work towards nuclear disarmament under effective international control.

Further necessary steps include: achievement of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty at the earliest possible date; additional measures to make the International Atomic Energy Agency more effective by providing it with the mandate and resources to make intrusive inspections where required; conclusion of a fissile material cut-off whereby all nuclear weapon states would cease production of military fissile materials and put existing stocks under international safeguards; and above all a readiness to move beyond current government statements which present the Trident programme as a minimum nuclear deterrent.

The Government should therefore indicate a readiness to engage in negotiations with other nuclear weapon states aimed at reduction of nuclear weapons, as required by Article VI of the NPT.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HABGOOD,
HUGH BEACH
(Council for Arms Control),
D. HUGH DAVIDSON
(Church of Scotland),
MYRIEL DAVIES
(Union of Welsh Independents),
†PATRICK A. KELLY
(Bishop of Salford (Roman Catholic)),
ROGER WILLIAMSON
(Secretary for International Affairs, Church of England Board for Social Responsibility),
The Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland,
Inter-Church House,
35-41 Lower Marsh, SE1.
April 13.

Smokers' rights

From Lord Harris of High Cross

Sir, In the introduction to my report, *No Smoking Without Fire* (details, April 7), I specifically warn against inhaling too deeply at the mention of impartiality. After all, we are all either a smoker or a non-smoker or an ex-smoker. As the Chairman of Forest and a pipe-smoker I am no less impartial than is Professor Desmond Julian (letter, April 12) as the chairman of Ash and (presumably) a non-smoker.

In gathering the views of all who might have an opinion on this dispute, I wrote to Professor Julian and invited his comments. His three-sentence response on February 17 reads: "Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that I was unable to reply sooner as I have been abroad. The situation on the Brighton train is clearly unsatisfactory and I hope that an amicable arrangement can be achieved."

If Professor Julian's view all along was that he supported the prohibitionist policy on this line, then I wish he had said so. His letter to me had indicated that we, and even our respective organisations, could have found common ground.

My recommendations for a solution to the problem were that the newly appointed chairman and chief executive of the British Rail board, Mr J. K. Welsby, should enter into early discussion with the statutory Rail Users Consultative Committee; that they give special consideration to the proposal of Shelley Atlas, chairlady of the Brighton Line Commuters, that the carriage next to the buffet be designated for smokers and the buffet become non-smoking; and that strictly limited provision for smokers and its regular location on the train be prominently advertised, together with a warning in the clearest terms that smoking elsewhere would give rise to prosecution.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH HARRIS,
House of Lords.
April 12.

From Mr S. M. H. Lawson

Sir, On April 11, for the second time in less than a week, commuters in the buffet car on the 17.52 train from Victoria to Eastbourne were joined by two uniformed policemen, two BR revenue protection officers and one plain-clothes "spy" — all in the cause of apprehending errant smokers (letters, April 12). Surely an expensive sledgehammer to crack a nut?

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM LAWSON,
9 Burnside Court,
Black Path, Polegate, East Sussex.

Bringing 'dead' tongues back to life

From Dr Paul Cartledge

Sir, Your leader of April 3, "New lamps for old", and the correspondence it has generated (April 8, 11) are sufficient testimony that the technically dead Greek and Latin languages and the original cultures which generated and were generated by them have an awful lot of dying left in them still. Open democratic debate on fundamental social issues is only one of the Greeks' and Romans' many legacies to us.

The issue is twofold: whether access to and understanding of their achievements and our cultural roots can be adequately gained and maintained without some first-hand knowledge of the ancient languages, and (since that would appear implausible) how teaching of the ancient languages in schools and universities can be suitably and economically provided alongside the now prodigiously burgeoning courses in Classics in translation and classical civilisation.

While the experience of a grant-maintained boys' grammar school such as Tiffin (letter, April 11) is enormously heartening, it has to be seen as equally hugely exceptional. The demand for provision of Greek and Latin language teaching that is palpably present in state-maintained schools as well as state-maintained universities can be met only through structural and institutional change emanating, ultimately, from the Government and the DES.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL CARTLEDGE
(Reader in Greek History, University of Cambridge),
Clare College, Cambridge.
April 11.

From Mr Alan Milligan

Sir, *O fortunati* — the pupils at Tiffin, a grant-maintained school, have both Greek and Latin in their curriculum!

In Scotland, where there was once a flourishing tradition of Classics teaching outside the private sector, the situation has become critical. Thanks to "educational" policies at both national and especially local level, there are now whole swaths of the land where pupils are deprived of the opportunity to study not even Latin, let alone Greek.

The Scottish Office has certainly made friendly noises towards Classics in the last few years, but its recommendations — most notably that "within each area a number of schools should continue to offer courses in these languages" — have fallen on the deaf ears of the regional directors of education.

It is ironic that, at a time when worries continue to grow about levels of literacy, these subjects should be struggling to maintain their position in the curriculum of so many schools.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN MILLIGAN
(Chairman, Association of Teachers of Classics, Scotland),
18a Hayburn Crescent, Glasgow 11.
April 12.

From Mr I. E. Jones

Sir, I started learning Greek ten years ago, at 72, and my particular interest is Homer's *Odyssey*. It gives me daily enjoyment, and delving into its obscurer passages is a fascinating exercise. I have been much helped by a collection of over 60 translations, many of them bought second-hand.

The obscurities in Homer are due to the lapse of time; the meaning of various words has been forgotten and has become a matter for guesswork from contexts and etymology. Putting such words aside, the style is crystal clear, which is more than can be said of much modern writing. Consequently much of the wealth of his ideas is accessible through a good translation.

One cannot realistically expect the decline in the teaching of classical languages to be reversed. Failing this, there seems much to be said for the measures of enlightenment that can be given by the "mythology" courses popular across the Atlantic. These are meant for students who are interested in classical literature but lack the time to learn the languages, and particular translations are recommended.

Yours faithfully,
I. E. JONES,
29 Coulsdon Road, Sidmouth, Devon.

From Mr D. C. R. Francombe

Sir, As one who read both parts of the Classics tripos at Cambridge and taught them all my working life as a schoolmaster, I am left wondering of what earthly *use* they are, or were. I still can't put a washer on one of my cold-water taps.

I remain, yours uselessly,
D. C. R. FRANCOMBE,
36 South Acre, South Harting,
Petersfield, Hampshire.

A museum for our collective memory

From Lord Briggs, FBA, and others

Sir, Among proposals for support from the Millennium Commission, which is to distribute part of the National Lottery funds, we should like to suggest a major museum of the history of the peoples of the British Isles.

Popular interest in history is already reflected in (for example) attendance at museums and historic houses and in National Trust and English Heritage membership. But they do not provide a history of the British Isles in its totality. The new museum would not be confined to the history of the UK: given the intertwined and often troubled relations between the peoples of these islands and elsewhere it would have to embrace that of Ireland, as well as our historic links with continental Europe and the wider world.

Its exhibitions and displays, using the most up-to-date technology, would present artefacts not just as items of interest but as pieces of historical evidence. Thus every visitor could make a journey through the relevant societies, political structures, economies and cultures.

History is the collective memory of a society, from which it attempts to shape its future. A museum along the lines we advocate would stimulate the collective memory of the peoples of these islands.

Yours faithfully,
ASA BRIGGS,
PATRICK COLLINSON
(Trinity College, Cambridge),
NEIL COSSONS
(Science Museum),
R. REES DAVIES
(University of Wales),
JOHN ELLIOTT
(Oriel College, Oxford),
ELIZABETH GOODALL
(Museums of Southampton),
PATRICK GREEN
(Manchester Museum of Science and Technology),
PETER HENNESSY
(Queen Mary and Westfield College, London),
ALLAN MacINNES
(University of Aberdeen),
MONTAGU of BEAULIEU,
ROY PORTER
(Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine),
Institute of Contemporary British History,
50 Gordon Square, WC1.
April 13.

Guilt about plight of hopeless poor

From Mr S. R. Parker

Sir, Matthew Parris's tale (April 10) of the unfortunate young man selling *The Big Issue* was indeed moving. But why did he write it? To enlist our support in doing something to help such people? Or in the sometimes regal tradition of "something must be done"? Or did he simply seek to portray himself as a decent fellow, kind to animals and unfortunates?

It is a pity advancing years have brought Matthew only "unrequitable feelings, moral bafflement, and engulfing waves of vast, useless sympathy for people". But we *can* do more than pity society's misfits — we can work to abolish the system that produces them.

Yours etc,
S. R. PARKER,
Flat 10, 9 Adelaide Road, NW3.

From Mr G. S. Pugh

Sir, I share Matthew Parris's sense of despair at the apparent hopelessness of those who are unable to thrive in today's society, and society's apparent — real — inability to aid them.

Mr Parris speculates that the subject of his sympathy was "broken, probably, beyond retrieval by the time he was ten". I think he is probably correct, and this particular unfortunate is beyond any real help that society can sensibly offer. What society could and should aim to do is to provide the help before it is too late: the most obvious way being universal nursery education for all three and four-year-olds.

I would be more than willing to pay more income tax to fund such education, and any party including immediate universal nursery education in its manifesto will get my vote at the next election — even if, God help me, it's the Tories.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM S. PUGH,
The Manor House,
Tintern, Chepstow, Gwent.

From Mr Alan Blaikley

Sir, It is not at all "stupid, hopeless, self-indulgent pity": Parris's spontaneous, uncondescending, genuinely kind treatment of the "undernourished spotty youth in ill-fitting clothes" is just the kind of small personal action that, however briefly, can make the bleakest life seem worth living.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BLAIKLEY,
31 Willow Road,
Hampstead, NW3.
April 10.

From Mr Frank Allaun

Sir, Matthew Parris writes a sympathetic and moving description of an undernourished pavement seller of *The Big Issue*. There are thousands like him living on the streets, often the victims of poor heredity and an even worse environment.

Parris's article, however, goes much further. "Underclass or just unfortunates?" asks the heading. There are not thousands but millions who have been or are being driven down into the "underclass". They are innately healthy people who become alienated by unemployment, constant fear of redundancy, rotten ill-paid jobs, bad housing, education or health services.

They are so worried by trying to meet their bills, pay the rent and feed the children that they have mostly lost all hope. They can't even be bothered to vote. What is the solution for *their* problems?

The Labour leadership should make clear and firm commitments — not just to win votes but because it is morally right for Labour to stand by those in greatest need.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK ALLAUN
(Labour MP for Salford East, 1955-83),
11 Eastleigh Road,
Manchester.
April 11.

Putting off babies

From Mrs A. G. N. Verity

Sir, In her excellent article (April 11) on the women of her generation who decide not to have babies Nigella Lawson did not mention what I, a septuagenarian great-grandmother, believe to be the main disadvantage.

She is right to point to the consequences for society in general, but the women themselves will suffer a great personal sadness: that of not having the comfort and delight of descendants in one's old age.

Many in my generation were fortunate enough to be brought up to believe that raising a family was the most worthwhile career that a woman could have. It seems to me that, in old age, it is the most rewarding.

Yours sincerely,
A. G. N. VERITY,
17 Jocelyn Road, Richmond, Surrey.
April 11.

From Mrs Anne Broxis

Sir, Delaying one's family lessens the chance of support from grandparents. It happened to us. We met and married when I was 33; gave birth at 36 and 38, and we "lost" our last grandparent when our eldest son was 10.

Despite loyal support from a few relatives and friends we feel that the lack of grandparents during the teenage years was a cause of regret.

Yours sincerely,
ANNE BROXIS,
52 Ruffs Furze, Oakley, Bedfordshire.

From Mrs Jean Powell

Sir, The simple reason why a good number of us don't have babies is that we don't want them. We prefer the exclusive companionship of a nice husband, an interesting job and plenty of money.

So there.

Yours sincerely,
JEAN POWELL,
55 Hazelwood Close, Honiton, Devon.
April 11.

Bilingual Europe

From Mr Albert E. North

Sir, I am willing to accept that "74 per cent of foreign language calls received by British companies were abandoned at the switchboard" (leading article, "Dial L for language", April 7). However, though 60 per cent of the calls to Germany were made in English and handled "fluently", what percentage of calls made in French, Italian, Spanish, Danish, Norwegian or Dutch were answered with the same fluency?

All these countries have a common second language — but what is the common second language for English telephonists?

Yours etc,
ALBERT E. NORTH,
43 Harewood Lane,
Upton, Pontefract, West Yorkshire.
April 9.

Paedophile legislation

From Mrs Alison Parry

Sir, I was surprised to read (letter, April 7) that the Home Office opposes legislation, currently before the House of Lords, to prosecute Britons who commit sexual offences against children overseas, because it believes it will be difficult to obtain successful prosecutions.

Why should the UK have any more difficulty than Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Norway or Sweden? They have passed similar legislation and secured successful prosecutions. Japan and New Zealand are following suit. Is our regard for children so much less than theirs?

Yours faithfully,
ALISON PARRY,
396 Avenue de Tervuren,
1150 Brussels.
April 11.

Stomachs for the fight

From Mr J. A. Powell

Sir, You report today that the opening of 34 new food outlets should create 6,500 jobs.

Are you sure? New food outlets do not increase the number or size of the nation's stomachs, so existing stomachs at their existing size will transfer from existing outlets.

In doing so they will probably destroy at least as many existing jobs as are being created.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. POWELL,
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April 12.

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ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 15: The Duchess of Kent today visited Kangaroo Island, Adelaide, South Australia.

April 16: The Duchess of Kent this morning attended a service, the Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier, Adelaide, South Australia.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended a garden party, Beechwood Heritage Gardens, Adelaide.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr S.R. Thompson and Miss A. Titeux

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mrs J.A. Thompson and the late Mr W.R. Thompson, of Chilbolton, Hampshire, and Annette, youngest daughter of Mrs V.J. Titeux, of Pinner, Middlesex.

School news

Aiglon College

Term begins on April 18. School guardians are Farah Byramji and Sebastiano Andina. Rev Andrew Wylie will conduct an Anglican service of Confirmation on May 20. *Parents' Weekend* is May 20-22. Sports Day is on June 24. The new art extension will be opened on June 30. *Term concludes with* the Graduation ceremony on July 1.

Appointment of Recorders

The following have been appointed Recorders on the Midland and Oxford Circuit:

Richard Anthony Benson, William Easthope Davis, David Robert Foskett, QC, Richard Haydn Griffith-Jones, Peter Henry Gross, QC.

Mrs Helen Mary Hughes, Walter Guy Becher Hungerford, Robert William Somerville Juckes, District Judge Peter Marsh, John Frederick Michael Maxwell, Christopher Sherwood John Metcalf.

Mrs Frances Mary Theresa Oldham, QC, Robin William Onions, Nigel John Rumfitt, QC, Rex Hilary Tedd, QC, Stephen Miles Tomlinson, QC, Charles Thomas Wide.

British Psychological Society

The following have been elected officers of the society for 1995-96:

President, Professor Stephen Newstead; President-elect, Margaret McAllister; Vice President, Professor Geoff Lindsay; Deputy President, Professor David Legge; Hon Treasurer, Professor Ed Miller; Hon General Secretary, Dr Gerry Mulhern.

Birthdays today

Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, 79; Mr Chris Barber, jazz musician, 65; Mr John Barrett, tennis commentator, 64; Mr C.J. Brocksom, chief executive, AXA Equity and Law, 59; Miss Joan Clague, former director of nursing services, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 64; *Miss Ruth Etchells, former* Principal, St John's College, Durham, 64; Miss Clare Francis, novelist and former yachtswoman, 49; Miss Bella Freud, fashion designer, 34; Mrs Anne Harris, former national chairman, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 95; Mr Henry Kelly, broadcaster, 49; Mr James Last, bandleader, 66; Viscount Margesson, 73; the Hon Sir Humphrey Maud, diplomat, 61; Mr Ricardo Patrese, racing driver, 41; Mr Tristram Ricketts, chief executive, British Horseracing Board, 49; Mrs Dora Saint (Miss Read), writer, 82; *Mr Christopher Sporborg*, a deputy-chairman, Hambros, 56; Mrs Eileen Stamers-Smith, former Headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 66; Sir Michael Vernon, chairman, RNLI, 69; the Right Rev John Yates, former Bishop at Lambeth, 70.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Ford, dramatist, Ilsington, Devon, baptised this day, 1586; Henry Vaughan, poet, Llansaintffraed, 1622; Edward Stillingfleet, bishop, Cranborne, Dorset, 1635; James Thom, sculptor, Lochlee, Tayside, 1802 (he died on this day, New York, 1850); Constantine Cavafy, poet, Alexandria, Egypt, 1863; Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, excavated Ur of the Chaldees, London, 1880; Nikita Khrushchev, Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, 1953-64, Kalinovka, 1894; Thornton Wilder, novelist and dramatist, Madison, Wisconsin, 1897; Billy Fury, singer, Liverpool, 1941.

DEATHS: Mme de Sévigné, writer, Grignan, France, 1696; Benjamin Franklin, statesman and scientist, Philadelphia, 1790; Eddie Cochran, singer, Chippenham, Wiltshire, 1960; Kawabata Yasunari, novelist, 1972.

More than 100,000 people drowned in Dort, The Netherlands, when the sea broke through the dykes, 1421.

Martin Luther was excommunicated by the Diet of Worms, 1521.

Premium Bonds were introduced in Britain, 1956.

An attempted invasion of Cuba was made at the Bay of Pigs, 1961.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Janice Scott, Honorary *Curate, Fakenham: to be Curate*, Eaton (Norwich).

The Rev David Self, Team Rector, Dunstable (St Albans): to be Team Rector, St Paul's, Bristol Team *Ministry (Bristol)*.

The Rev Christopher Simmons, Priest-in-charge, Barlby: to be Vicar, newly formed benefice of Barlby and Riccall (York).

The Rev Wendy Smith, Team Minister, Stoke on Trent Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar of that Team Ministry, w. particular responsibility for the District of St Paul's, *Mount Pleasant* (Lichfield).

The Rev Martin Soar, Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Harrogate: now Vicar, St Mary, Harrogate (Ripon).

The Rev Jess Stubenbord, Priest-in-charge, *Mulbarton* w. Kenninghall and Flordon: to be also Priest-in-charge, Bracon Ash and Hethel (Norwich).

The Rev Jonathan Swain, Rector, *Kirton and Falkenham and Chap*lain to the Suffolk Constabulary: to be Priest-in-charge, Great and Little Whelnetham and Bradfield St George (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Terence Thake, Vicar, Colwich w. Great Haywood: to be also Priest-in-charge, Colton (Lichfield).

The Rev David Titley, Team Vicar, Bloxwich: to be Vicar, Prees, in plurality w. Fauls (Lichfield).

The Rev Richard Truss, Vicar, St John w. St Andrew, Waterloo: to be also Rural Dean of Lambeth (*Southwark*).

The Rev Lukas Wanjie, Curate, St Stephen, St Albans (St Albans): to be Race Relations Officer in the Croydon Area Mission Team (*Southwark*).

The Rev Ralph Werrell, permission to officiate, diocese Coventry: permission to officiate, diocese Birmingham.

The Rev John Wilkinson, Tutor in Pastoral Studies, Queen's College, Birmingham, and licensed to St George', Newtown: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints', Kings Heath (Birmingham).

The Rev Peter Willox, (sic.), Assistant *Curate, St Mark's, Utley: to be* Team Vicar, All Saints, Bingley (Bradford).

The Rev Jennifer Williamson, Curate, Easby w. Brompton on *Swale: to be Priest-in-charge*, Gilling w. Kirkby Ravensworth (Ripon).

The Rev Alan Winton, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Southgate (London): to be Priest-in-charge, St Paul's, Walden, and Diocesan Continuing Ministerial Education Officer (St Albans).

Other appointment

Mr Hugh Privett, Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance (Salisbury) and *Lieutenant-Colonel* Christopher Ross, Diocesan Secretary (Salisbury): to be also Lay Canons of Salisbury Cathedral.

JAMES MORGAN



The Queen leaving St George's Chapel, Windsor, after the Easter Day service yesterday which was attended by other members of the Royal Family

University news

Manchester

Appointments to chairs:

Christopher David Ormrod, Lecturer in Econometrics at the University of York, to be Professor of Econometrics in the School of Economic *Studies from a date to be arranged.*

Ian Stanley Roberts, Senior Lecturer in Microbiology at the University of Leicester, to be Professor of Microbiology in the School of Biological Sciences from a date to be arranged.

Andrew Philip Read, Reader in Medical Genetics in this University, to be Professor of Human Genetics from a date to be arranged.

J Henry Phillips, Tutor for Advanced Students, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to be Professor of French from a date to be arranged.

Timothy John Cornell, Senior Lecturer in Ancient History at University College London, to be Professor of Ancient History in the Department of History from a date to be arranged.

John James Breuilly, Reading in *History, to be Professor of History* from a date to be arranged.

Gavin Michael Peter Swann, Associate Professor of Economics in the London Business School, to be Professor of Economics and Management of Innovation in the Manchester Business School and Faculty of Business Administration and PREST, from September 1.

Professor Ian McAllister, Professor of *Politics at the Australian Defence* Force Academy, University of New South Wales, to be Professor of Government from a date to be arranged.

Keith Blackburn, Lecturer in Economics at the University of *Southampton*, to be Professor of Macroeconomics in the School of Economic Studies from a date to be arranged.

Ian Miles, to be granted the title of Professor of Science and Technology Policy and Management for so long as he shall hold appointment as Director of the Programme of Policy Research in Engineering, Science and Technology (PREST).

Appointments

Ms Marianne Neville-Rolfe, Regional Director in the Government Office *for the Northwest, to a visiting chair* in the Manchester Business School and the Faculty of Business Administration for three years from April 1.

The following Lecturers to be Senior Lecturers in the subject named, from October 1:

Dr Theodore Balderston, Economic History; Dr E W Benbow, Pathological Sciences; Dr Jonathan Billowes, Physics; Dr Katherine H Brodie, Geology; Dr P M Budd, Chemistry; Dr M P D'Entremes, Government; Dr Hugh Devlin, Restorative Dentistry; Dr K J Ducatel, Technology Management in the Faculty of Economic and Social Studies; Dr Richard Francis, American Literature and Creative Writing in the Department of *American Studies; Dr R L Gaw*thorpe, Geology; Dr Carole A Goble, Computer Science; Dr Penelope M Harvey, Social Anthropology; Dr Ariane L Herrick, Rheumatology; Dr *Elena V M Lleven, Psychology; Dr J A* Peck, Geography; Dr Judith G Purver, German; Dr D E Rydeheard, Computer Science; Dr Robert Sandling, Mathematics; Dr A J M Watson, Medicine; Dr Anne M Williams, Nursing.

Dr J W Henderson, Senior Fellow, to be Senior Lecturer in Economic Sociology and Organisational Analysis in the Manchester Business School from October 1.

The following Honorary Associate Lecturers to be Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer in the subject indicated from April 1:

Dr Ramanlal Gokal, Medicine; Dr B A Lieberman, Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Dr M J A Maresh, Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The following Honorary Lecturers to be Honorary Senior Lecturers in the subject indicated from April 1:

Dr B I Lord, Experimental Haematology in the Department of Oncology; Dr David Scott, Cytogenetics in the Department of Oncology; Dr P L Szerdi, Immunology in *the Department of Oncology.*

The following University Teachers to be Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturers in the subject indicated from April 1:

Dr G P Margison, Oncology; Dr Nydia E G Tesla, Oncology.

Dr R J Cooter, Research Fellow, to be Senior Research Fellow in the Centre *for the History of Science*, Technology and Medicine, from a date to be arranged.

New appointments

Senior Lecturer in Molecular Epidemiology in the Department of Public Health and Epidemiology: Andrew Clifford Povey.

Senior Lecturer in Medical Oncology: Malcolm Richard Ranson.

Senior Lecturer in Medical Microbiology: James Keith Struthers.

Lecturer in English: Lucy Burke.

Lecturer in Law: Owen Joseph McIntyre.

Lecturer in Molecular Microbiology in the Department of Pathological Sciences: Janette *Elizabeth Bradley.*

Lecturers in Medicine: Ann Elizabeth Canfield; Judith Robinson; Gillian A Wallis.

Lecturer in Neurophysiology applied to Anaesthesia: C J D Pomfret.

Lecturer in Medicine in Dentistry in the Department of Dental Medicine and Surgery: Anne Pedersen.

Lecturer in Neuroscience in the Departments of Biological Sciences and of Dental Medicine and Surgery: Catherine M Waters.

Director of the University of Manchester and UMIST Counselling Service: Stephen Potter.

Management Accountants in the Registrar and Secretary's Department: Ian Thomas Horrocks; Janine Elizabeth Pickles.

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Kingston

The university has awarded the following honorary degrees:

Doctor of Engineering: Professor Jack Lewin, hydraulic engineer and former governor of the University; Doctor of Technology: Steve Shirley, computer expert and life president of the FI Group; Doctor of Design: Lajos Svaby, artist and Rector of the Hungarian Academy of Arts, *Budapest; Master of Design*: Helen Storey, fashion designer and Kingston graduate; Doctorate of Science: Ian Northen, chartered surveyor and designer of shopping centres; Doctor of Education: Professor Lee Ngok, Director of the School of Professional and Continuing Education at the University of Hong Kong.

The university has conferred the title of Professor of Fashion on Ian Griffiths, Head of Fashion.

Westminster

Recent research grants include:

Professor Peter Morse, Christopher Thorpe and Mark Baldwin: £51,215 from Eurocontrol (ADS display and tracker development); Professor Christopher Bucke: £84,045 from the European Commission (structure-function relationships of glucosyltransferases) and £126,602 from European Commission (synthesis of neuro-oligosaccharides using glycosidase); Professor Gemal Calin: *£70,000 from Dialog Semiconductor* (consultancy); Professor Peter Morse and Dennis Carroll: £128,413 from EPSRC; Dr Stephen Winter: £134,725 from EPSRC (an environment for design and performance evaluation of portable parallel software), £220,288 from European Commission *Copernicus* (software engineering for parallel processing) and £115,330 from European Commission (simulation of European industry through high performance computing); Vassilis Kostantinou, Professor Peter Morse and *Alexandra Psarrou: £85,738 from* European Commission (historiheraldic images storing applications, New tools for historical research: the Venetian contribution).

Archaeology

'Home Guards' swing into action

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A "Home Guard" of amateur archaeologists will deploy across England this summer to defend Second World War fortifications from further destruction. *Thousands of pill*boxes and roadblocks were removed after the war, and the remaining structures form an increasingly scarce documentation of policies and practices still little understood, even with the exact science of hindsight.

One of the war's most far-reaching effects "was the way it transformed the British landscape in a vast and rapid programme of building", according to Simon Denison of *British Archaeology*. "Over 18,000 concrete pillboxes were constructed, together with *hundreds of miles of defensive* ditches, tens of thousands of gun emplacements and other structures, and hundreds of airfields. Many have gone, vanishing almost as rapidly as they appeared".

The "Defence of Britain" project, launched this month by the Department of National Heritage, aims to map and catalogue the surviving structures. Amateurs, including the Fortress Study Group, have been enlisted to survey sites in the field, while English Heritage is supporting a complementary programme of documentary research on 20th-century defences.

John Hellis, field co-ordinator of the survey, says the "Hadrian's Wall of the 20th century" is the line across the South West from Seaton on the Devon coast to Bridgwater in Somerset, where about 280 *pillboxes survive*, with machinegun emplacements every few hundred yards.

One of the big questions, Mr Hellis said, is how and why Britain's defensive strategy changed towards the end of 1940, from static lines of pillboxes to a more fluid strategy in which invaders would be delayed by coastal defences and then engaged by a mobile field army.

As the generation that designed, built and used these defences dies out, vital oral evidence is being lost. "No one knows what originally they were all used for," Mr Denison said. "For those in the know, now is the time to tell."

■ *The Defence of Britain Project is coordinated by Jim Earle, Imperial War Museum, Duxford Airfield, Cambridge, CB2 4QR.*

Oldest railway found in North Wales

THE oldest railway found by archaeologists has been dug up in North Wales. Built to serve an ironworks at Bersham, near Wrexham, the wooden rails probably date from the mid-18th century (Norman Hammond writes).

The railway, known as a wagonway because it provided a guided path for wooden wagons bringing coal and iron ore to the blast furnace at Bersham, survives for 135ft in the form of carbonised timber tracks and sleepers. The most striking feature is a set of primitive points, allowing one branch to curve northwards while the main track continued to the west. The mechanism has not survived.

The railway had a gauge of 4ft 1in, suggesting it was built in the Newcastle tradition, which had a broad gauge of four to five feet. The Coalbrookdale tradition in Shropshire used a 3ft 6in gauge because the wagons ran directly into the tunnels in the hillside.

Since Bersham was a subsidiary of Coalbrookdale from its establishment in the 17th century until 1753, the wagonway is thought to date from after this. The works were acquired by Isaac Wilkinson, whose family came from the North of England, and the wagonway was probably built around 1760.

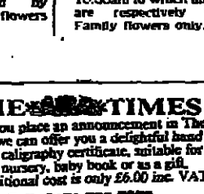
The wagonway delivered coal and iron ore at a high level to a blast furnace set into the hillside. Among the products of the works were cannon for use against the American rebels in New England: a French spy in August 1775 reported the casting of a 32-pounder gun from four air furnaces used simultaneously.

Part of the cannon foundry and remains of the blast furnace were found in recent excavations, and this and the later buildings of around 1790 have been conserved as a heritage site. "If the excavations continue to reveal more of the ironworks that were probably scattered along the valley, Bersham may yet become a rival to the Ironbridge Gorge itself," *Current Archaeology* suggests.

Source: *Current Archaeology* 141:332-335.

Nature notes

The first cuckoos are back, calling excitedly as they fly from tree to tree. They select their territories where there will be plenty of meadow *pipits' or hedge sparrows'* or robins' nests to lay their eggs in. House martins are appearing round the eaves of houses where they will make their mud nests. Last year their numbers were badly down. Linnets are building in gorse and bramble bushes: the male sits twittering on a sprig, while the female works on the nest deep in the bush. Then they fly off briskly together, swooping over the fields. Greenfinches are building in the evergreen shrubberies. Early purple orchids are coming into flower in the woods. They have rich purple blooms and spotted leaves; underground, they have one wilting and one growing *tuber. Common spotted* orchids, which have blotchy leaves and a pale purple spike of flowers, will be out in another fortnight. Young leaves are opening everywhere on the trees; only the ash trees remain stubbornly in bud. In the hedges, the blackthorns are covered with *foaming masses of white* flowers, and the first white clusters of blossom are opening on the wild cherry trees. Frog spawn floats at the edge of ponds.



The Linnet

DJM

Organ likely to make £¼m

BY JOHN SHAW

A CHAMBER organ used *every day during morning* assembly at a small public school in North Wales is expected to fetch £250,000 at auction on Friday.

The instrument is among only eight designed by Robert Adam (1728-1792), the celebrated neo-classical architect. It is the only one to have survived almost intact and in its original colours. The mahogany case is painted in shades of green, blue and gold.

The organ is being sold by Phillips in an auction at Lindisfarne College, which closed last summer. The new owner will be responsible for its removal, but he will carry off a gem of Georgian craftsmanship.

Latest wills

Brigadier Gordon Leonard Roberts, of Shipmeadow, Beccles, Suffolk, who commanded a special unit formed to locate isolated groups of Japanese still holding out in the jungle of Burma after the main fighting had moved to other areas in 1945, left estate valued at £219,684 net.

Elizabeth Mary Humphreys-Owen, of Goring on Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £1,162,407 net.

She left £2,000 to the Sir Victor Sassoon Chinese Ivories Trust.

Sir John Meredith Temple, of Picton Gorse, near Chester, *Conservative MP for the City of* Chester 1956-74, left estate valued at £2,361,559 net.

He left £2,000 to the Conservative Association with which he has in the opinion of his trustees been associated.

Sir James Steel, of Wolsingham, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, honorary life president and former chairman of the Steel Group, Sunderland, first Lord Lieutenant of the new metropolitan authority of Tyne and Wear, and a vice-president of the Wildfowl Trust, left estate valued at £155,919 net.

Lady Marcelle Catherine Ashtown, of London W8, left estate valued at £1,006,148 net.

She left £5,000 each to Barnados, Save the Children Fund, Help the Aged, and the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, to benefit the Vicarage Gate Nursing Home only, and £5,000 to such charitable organisations or societies concerned with *the treatment or* relief or research into the causes and cures of mental or nervous illnesses as her trustees shall select.

Mr Roy Leslie Maggs, of Kingswood, Bristol, left estate valued at £567,886 net.

He left personal bequests totalling £30,000 and the residue equally *between the Imperial Cancer* Research Fund, RNIB, RSPCA, NSPCC and Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth.

Mr Albert Barrett Hart Taylor, of Knowle, Bristol, left estate valued at £426,372 net.

He left his entire estate equally between Barnados, Children's Society, National Children's Home, and Muller Homes for Children, Bristol.

Margaret McCulloch, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £209,805 net.

She left £100,000 to St Albans Cathedral Education Centre Trust, and £1,000 each to St Albans Abbey Appeal, and the St Albans branches of the British Red Cross, RNLI and Arthritis Care.

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BIRTHS

McGEE - On April 12th at The Portland Hospital to Sandra (née Opher) and Tony a *beautiful* son, *Maximilian* George a brother for Jack.

DEATHS

COULSON - April 13th, at Heighington, County Durham, Audrie (née Crofton) aged 59 years. Dearly loved mother of Nichola, Caroline and Linsey, and beloved sister of Dorothy, Miriam and Edna. *Funeral* Wednesday 19th April. Service in St Michael's Church, Heighington at 11.30am, *followed by* interment. Family flowers only please.

DEATHS

HOWARD - Suddenly on Good Friday, Liz, beloved wife of Billy, mother of Jeremy, Robin, Richard and Anna. Cremation private, followed by Thanksgiving Service in St. Thomas' Church, Lymington on Monday 24th April 2.30pm. *No flowers or mourning* please.

MORRISON - On Friday 7th April 1995, peacefully but suddenly, whilst on holiday in the South of England, Dilys Trenholm (née Pritchard), beloved wife of the late David Paton Morrison, very much loved mother of Nigel, sister of *Robert*, cousin of Joy and sister in law of Elizabeth. Funeral Service will be held at *Warriston Crematorium* Main Chapel in Edinburgh on Tuesday 18th April at 10:30am to which all friends are respectively invited. Family flowers only.

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OBITUARIES

PHILIP JEBB

Philip Jebb, architect, died from lung cancer on April 7 aged 68. He was born in London on March 15, 1927.

SOME architects, however hard-working, conscientious and heavily engaged on important commissions, remain relatively obscure in terms of public recognition. Philip Jebb was such a one. Driven by a combination of extreme modesty and a love for the fine architecture of the past (and, in particular, for the classical past), he preferred the life of the archaeologist to that of the innovator, quietly digging up 18th-century details and recreating those qualities in design which gave him greatest pleasure. In this way, his approach had, to an extent, an affinity with Raymond Erith's, another scholarly and equally retiring figure who refused to throw his name about in pursuit of publicity. On the other hand, Jebb's dedication to his job and absolute faith in his beliefs did not go unnoticed by certain people with similar architectural tastes, and who possessed the necessary wealth to give his knowledge and gifts a practical outlet.

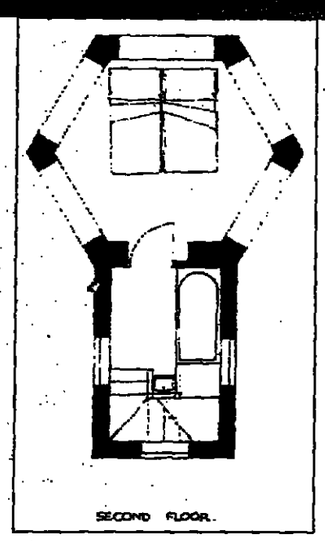
Philip Vincent Hilaire Jebb belonged to a family of visual artists and writers. He was brought up in Shipley, Sussex, by his maternal grandfather, Hilaire Belloc, who lived in the house of the village shop, preserving its interior of mahogany-lined walls of doors as his sitting room. Jebb's father, Reginald, was a writer and headmaster of a Staffordshire school, while his grandfather on that side was a painter and civil engineer who was consulted worldwide on the design of railways and canal systems. A Roman Catholic, Jebb was educated at Downside School (where his brother was later headmaster and is now Prior), going on to study architecture at Cambridge where he qualified in the early 1950s.

Jebb started as many young architects do: to get experience of building, he worked for others — first, for Frederick Gibberd (on Hatfield New Town), and afterwards in New York and San Francisco. Returning to England, he set up a partnership with his wife's brother, Francis Pollen, an arrangement which continued until Pollen moved to the country and joined Lionel Brett. It was at this point, in the 1960s, that Jebb's practice began to expand.

Among an extraordinary collection of clients were the Devonshires (for them, he designed two hotels, one on the estate, far from Chatsworth House, the Devonshire Arms at Skipton, and other smaller works), the Duchess of Hamilton, for whom he built a house in Belgravia (Gothic style; for John Aspinall, the restoration of William Kent's fine 44 Berkeley Square, and the addition of the Claremont Club, a restaurant and Annabel's nightclub.







The Nicolle Tower in Jersey, a 19th-century octagon with a top floor artfully added by Jersey's Second World War occupiers, which Philip Jebb restored and converted

For Aspinall's zoo, he designed a Gorillarium. He did work for Edward Heath at Chequers and, for the Churchills, designed a restaurant at Chartwell. An impressive list, but there was much more besides — the conversion of Curzon House, Curzon Street, into a casino; commissions for buildings in Edinburgh and Herefordshire, Cuarton village in Spain (1970) and a large classical house in Madrid for the March family in the 1980s.

Besides work for the National Trust, his extreme ingenuity as an architect shows in the conversions and restorations he carried out for the Landmark Trust, founded in 1965 for the rescue of buildings of special character. For this service to architecture (turning often eccentric and dilapidated structures into holiday homes for rent), Jebb contributed 37 schemes, all accomplished with his unfailing attention to style, taste and detail (there was never a mistake in his designs).

One of these was the restoration and conversion of the derelict Nicolle Tower in Jersey, a light-hearted, 160ft-high octagon in decorative Gothic style, built initially by Philippe Nicolle in 1821. In 1943 the German forces occupying the Channel Islands turned it into a more effective observation post by astutely raising the roof one more storey so that from the air no change would be noticed.

Jebb transformed the tower, giving it a bedroom and bathroom at the top, a living room in the middle and a kitchen and bathroom on the ground floor, retaining the extra storey with its slit windows and German ranging marks on its thick concrete ceiling, as it had become part of the building's history.

He also converted Fort Clonque in Alderney and complex works (together with a lighthouse) on Lundy Island.

For sheer architectural expertise, however, his large end building (on a bombed site) of a Cheyne Walk terrace in London is excellently achieved. This is an 18th-century row of considerable quality. Perfection of detail and proportion was essential to produce a work in harmony with the rest. But the development was for a block of flats, not a house, which made the aesthetic problems far harder to resolve. Yet Jebb managed to do so, and in such a way that his façade shows up the horribly inept Victorian addition to Rossetti's house, a near neighbour, and other ugly alterations from the period elsewhere.

Jebb, by picking up salient elements of the best in the terrace, has pulled off a singular feat in this work of the 1970s: few passers-by would realise it was not built two hundred years ago.

Philip Jebb is survived by his wife and their four children.

BRIGADIER ARCHER CLIVE

Brigadier Archer Clive, DSO and Bar, MC, soldier and farmer, died on March 29 aged 91. He was born in Herefordshire on June 24, 1903.



ARCHER CLIVE was not only a distinguished soldier and farmer but also had the highly unusual experience of being educated at both Eton and Harrow. This was because his mother had great connections with Eton while his father was an Old Harrovian. In 1917, while his father, Lieutenant-General Sir Sidney Clive — a descendant of Clive of India — was away fighting in France, Lady Clive sent her son to Eton. Sir Sidney, hearing of this, returned in a fury, removed his son from Eton after one Half and sent him to Harrow.

After Harrow and Sandhurst Clive joined the Grenadier Guards and after a short tour with the Sudan Defence Force returned to attend the Staff College at Camberley. At the outbreak of the Second World War as brigade major, 151 Brigade, he won a Military Cross at Dunkirk. There followed various staff appointments, including a mission to South Africa, until he was given command of the newly-formed 6th (Motor) Battalion of his regiment shortly before it was to leave for the Middle East as part of the 201 Guards Brigade commanded by his cousin, the late Major-General Sir Julian Gascoigne.

The battalion's first action was a moonlight attack on the Horseshoe Feature, ground guarding the approaches to Rommel's main defences of the Mareth Line. Two days before the battle, the Germans had captured documents containing the detailed plan of the attack. They lost no time in sowing thousands of mines in the path of the British forces. The battalion, with superb gallantry under the inspired leadership of its commander, captured its objective but, owing to the minefield, its supporting weapons were unable to reach the forward troops, with the result that they were unable to consolidate and were soon surrounded. The position was held, however, until relieved.

The casualties in this battle were so heavy that it proved to be one of the most terrible and bloody actions fought by the Grenadiers in the Second World War. Clive, who although wounded refused to leave the battlefield, was awarded the DSO.

In August 1943 he was appointed GSO1 21st Army Group. The following year he took command of 24th Guards Brigade, winning his second DSO in the fierce fighting from Anzio to Cassino and beyond.

On retiring from the Army in 1947 he spent ten years as a member of Lloyds before settling in his beloved Herefordshire. Cruelly, in 1959 his family home, Perrystone Court, was destroyed by fire, causing the death of his father. A new house was later built on the site, which fronts on to the old avenue of Scots pines planted in 1815 to commemorate the victory at Waterloo.

During the next 25 years Archer Clive devoted all his energy to a great many public duties in which he showed all the powers of leadership which had been evident throughout his life.

As president of the Three Counties Agricultural Society he was described as someone who probably knew more than most about the pressures and problems which beset agriculture and the countryside. He was a most successful president of the Country Landowners Association during a difficult period, when his views of family, farming and conservation of the land were set out in a series of booklets dealing primarily with farming arrangements and farming companies.

Apart from his farming activities he also found time to become a founder member of the Timber Growing Association, a Deputy Lieutenant for Herefordshire, a member of the council, a member of the Land Commission and the estates committee of the National Trust, and many other bodies including the council of St John of Jerusalem for Herefordshire.

Archer Clive was endowed with great charm under which flowed a very strong character. He was someone who would express his views and put forward his proposals in the strongest terms, sometimes against hostile opposition but, right or wrong, his opponents invariably had full respect for his opinions. In peace as in war he was a leader who was loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact.

He married first in 1934 the Hon Penelope Isobel, daughter of Viscount Portman (the marriage was dissolved), and secondly Olivia Mary, widow of John Rankin and daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon Frederick Stanley. She died in 1985.

He is survived by one son and one daughter of the first marriage.

ALLAN GRIFFITHS

Allan Griffiths, insolvency practitioner, died of a cerebral haemorrhage on April 11 aged 49. He was born on May 1, 1945.



ACCOUNTANTS who spend their lives attempting to save and rebuild companies which have got into difficulties tend to be larger-than-life characters. They have to be skilful and shrewd but they also have to be able to make an instant impact. Allan Griffiths, whose blossoming career has been cut short only a week into his year as president of the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency, was never short of impact. He was a large, smiling, cigar-toting Liverpudlian who saw life in simple terms, expressed his views clearly, and was bewildered by those who failed to see the logic of the arguments. In the last weeks of his life, what he regarded as the injustice and inequity of the Government's stance in the wake of a court decision over an airline company was a topic with which no one within fifty yards of Griffith's benign and noisy presence could fail to have become fully acquainted.

He was one of those people whose success came after a long, steady and hard-working career. It was only in the last few years that he had started to reap widespread recognition.

Griffiths was a fine exemplar of a generation of accountants who moved straight from school into the profession. He qualified with Harmood Banner in Liverpool in 1966 at the age of 21. He eschewed the traditional career pattern of staying on in the firm and left the following year to work in industry. He spent eight formative years in a variety of companies gathering the experience which he later acknowledged gave him his depth of understanding of how companies worked, the people within them and the vagaries of cash flow.

In 1975 he joined Thornton Baker in Liverpool and concentrated on investigation and insolvency work. In January 1978 they made him a partner and he started to carve out a serious insolvency practice within the firm. He moved to the Manchester office and, more or less from a standing start, steadily built up one of the major insolvency practices in the North West.

He became head of corporate recovery at Grant Thornton, as the firm had now become, in 1987. He sorted out Queens Moat Houses, Lewis's stores, Keith Prowse the ticket agency, forklift truck makers Lancer Boss and worked on the restructuring of Ratners, the jewellery retailer.

He argued passionately that insolvency practitioners were not the vultures that the popular view too. "I would rather save a business any day," he would vehemently assert. And at Lancer Boss, for example, the company employed more people after it had been saved than before.

Griffiths made his reputation as an accountant who was uncomplicated in approach. He was, as one of his partners once put it, "extraordinarily powerful in a very quiet sort of way". There were no hidden agendas in what he tried to do. He had a clear idea of what needed to be done and he did it. As a result he was a very potent leader who developed others around him and built teams in which loyalty flowed solidly in both directions.

But the essence of the man was his huge enjoyment of everything he did. The ever-present large Havana cigar was the almost clichéd symbol of that. People knew that he was in the office from the lingering smell of the smoke in the lifts. He never had to work at enjoying his work. Insolvency and corporate recovery is an ever-changing business and he relished it all. He just behaved naturally. He was not a man who sought out difficulties and railed at them. He sought out solutions and pursued them.

His style meant that he stuck to the same basic principles and was not distracted. His early days sorting out the difficulties of tiny businesses did not really differ from the days when he worked on the case of Queens Moat Houses, for example. The numbers were bigger. The basic problems of the businesses and the ways that they might be saved were not.

His enjoyment of life happily encompassed his family and his sporting activities. He retained his roots in Merseyside and in later years commuted to London. He played enthusiastic golf at Formby, had played football at county level in his youth and supported Everton.

He is survived by his wife Maureen and a son and a daughter.

JACK WARNER JR

Jack Warner Jr died of cancer in Los Angeles on April 1 aged 79. He was born in San Francisco on March 27, 1916.



THE legend in the Hollywood studios was that The Son Also Rises. Jack Warner Jr, son of the mogul who controlled production at Warner Bros, was the refutation of the maxim. He not only failed to rise at the studio bearing the name of his father and three uncles, he was visibly sunk.

In a scene worthy of one of the great moments of *film noir*, Jack Jr drove up to the studio in his open car one day in 1959 to find the gateman refusing to open the barrier. Then the flustered official handed him a collection of paper bags. "These are the contents of your desk," he said. "Your father asked me to give them to you."

The message was clear. Jack L. Warner, the youngest and most powerful of the Warner Bros. (the full word was never used), had fired his first-born child and only son because the younger man had dared to complain about his father's girlfriends and the treatment of his mother, Irma.

It was just one of a series of incidents that broke all the Hollywood rules — the ones that said that these men of Russian-Jewish parentage put their families above even their studios and that when it came to organising their businesses, the most important obligation was that of nepotism. After all, Jack's son-in-law (the husband of his daughter by a second marriage) was put in charge of production when the old man started thinking about retirement, and his brother Harry saw to it that his son-in-law was made a senior producer.

Not that Jack Jr was without talent. During the Second World War he had been a highly successful combat photographer with the Signals Corps and was appointed by General Eisenhower to be his personal war photographer in Europe. He ran a unit in the Signals Corps making training films. That was another reason for friction between father and son. Jack Sr had also been seconded to the Signals Corps to make training films — as a lieutenant-colonel, and went to the trouble of having his uniform made by the best tailor in Hollywood. Jack Jr, meanwhile, became a full colonel. "I said to him, 'That means you'll have to salute me'," the younger Warner recalled. "He did not laugh." In fact, when he realised his son was senior to him he immediately resigned his commission.

Jack Jr was born soon after the marriage of Jack and Irma. It was the earliest days of Warner Bros, when the brothers (Harry, Albert, Sam and Jack) had given up their nickelodeon peep show to start making movies of their own.

As a child, he went with his father to watch the studio at work. One of his fondest memories was of helping his Uncle Sam, who was working with the microphones used in the making of the first talking picture, *The Jazz Singer*. Sam died the night before the film's premiere in 1927.

He studied film-making at the University of Southern California and until his call-up worked in the distribution department at Warner Bros. When the war ended he became a producer — making short subjects and being put in charge of Anglo-American productions with Associated British. Among his credits was producing *The Hasty Heart*, which featured Ronald Reagan, at Elstree.

In the mid-1950s he was vice-president of Warner Bros in charge of television films — a medium his father always hated because he was sure it would one day consume his industry. He did his best to play down the importance of the division.

Jack Jr was everything his father was not. Quiet where Jack L. was flamboyant, respected and frequently loved where the older Jack was often despised, brave where his father was known as the biggest coward in Hollywood — hence his inability to fire his son, or anyone else for that matter, in person.

After his dismissal Jack Jr went into business on his own as an independent producer, making television and industrial films, but found it a struggle to make the sort of impact he wanted.

Relations with his father were so strained that Jack L. never met his grandchildren, apart from a chance meeting with one of them at a doctor's surgery. He didn't even mention Jack Jr or his first wife in his autobiography.

But when Jack L. was thought to be dying in the South of France, Jack Jr flew there to be by his side. Later they bumped into each other in Los Angeles and, after being prodded by his secretary to do so, the older Warner invited his son to have lunch with him.

When the mogul died in 1978, he left Jack Jr $200,000 of a multi-million fortune — just enough, his lawyers decided, to prevent a suit in the courts.

Jack Jr did, however, have a modicum of revenge. In 1984 he wrote a novel, *Bijoux Dream*, about a film studio run by four brothers, the youngest of whom was a womaniser who dishonoured his wife and child and who caused his elder brother's final stroke.

Jack Warner Jr is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Joanna Anderson, Warden of the Iona Community (Argyll and the Isles): to be Rector, Filby, Thrigby, Mautby, Stokesby and Herringby (LEP), Runham, Burgh and Billockby (Norwich).

The Rev James Barnett, Priest-in-charge, Penkevil, Lamorran and Merther, and Diocesan Director of Lay Training (Truro): to be Chaplain of St Albans's, Strasbourg, and Anglican Representative to the European Institutions (Europe).

The Rev Mark Bond, Curate, St Peter's, Lyngford, Taunton: to be Vicar, Highbridge (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Guy Buckler, Team Rector, Willington, Tyne and Wear (Newcastle): to be Rector, St Peter de Merton w. St Cuthbert, Bedford (St Albans).

The Rev Jane Charman, Chaplain at Clare College, Cambridge: to be Priest-in-charge, Duxford, Hinxton and Ickleton (Ely).

The Rev Michael Claridge, Assistant Curate, Harlescott: to be Priest-in-charge, Wellington Christ Church (Lichfield).

The Rev Canon Michael Covington, Vicar, Warmington, Tansor w. Cotterstock and Fotheringhay and Rural Dean of Oundle: to be Vicar, Oakham w. Hambleton and Egleton and Braunston w. Brooke (Peterborough).

The Rev Piers Davey, Vicar, Aycliffe St Andrew: to be Priest-in-charge, Chilton Moor St Andrew (Durham).

The Rev Richard Etheridge, Vicar, St John, Langley and Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Oldbury: to be also Priest-in-charge, St Michael, Langley (Birmingham).

The Rev Canon John Everest, Team Rector, Halesowen: to be also Rural Dean of Dudley (Worcester).

The Rev Christopher Hobbs, Assistant Curate, All Souls, Langham Place (London): to be Assistant Curate, Hull, St John, Newland (York).

The Rev Kevin Hunt, Vicar, Sunderland Springwell St Mary the Virgin w. Thorney Close St Peter: to be Rector, Jarrow Team Ministry (Durham).

The Rev Harold Jones, Curate, Penistone and Thurlstone Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Womersley and Kirk Smeaton (Wakefield).

The Rev Clare Le Vay, Assistant Chaplain, Greenwich Health Care Trust: to be Chaplain, Greenwich Health Care Trust (Southwark).

The Rev Alan Mathers, Vicar, Christ Church, Sutton (Southwark): to be Chaplain of Holy Trinity, Cannes, France (Europe).

The Rev Derek Newport, Vicar, Malborough w. South Huish, West Alvington and Churchstow: to be Rector, the Moorland Team Ministry (Exeter).

The Rev Harvey Reed, Rector, Hutton: to be Vicar, Hullbridge (Chelmsford).

The Rev John Witcombe, Vicar, St Luke's, Lodge Moor (Sheffield): to be Team Rector, Uxbridge (London).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Kenneth Bell, Vicar, Fair Oak (Winchester): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Graham Bentley, Vicar, StSaviour, Raynes Park (Southwark): to retire as from July 31.

The Rev Paul Davies: to retire on health grounds: as Rural Dean of North Holderness as from May 31; and as Rector, Leven w. Catwick, as from July 31 (York).

The Rev Gordon Hepple, Vicar, Blackhill St Aidan (Durham): to resign as from April 30.

The Rev Canon Raymond Hubble, Vicar and Rural Dean of Odiham (Winchester): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Clive Moore, Rector, South Petherton and the Seavingtons (Bath and Wells): to retire as from April 30.

The Rev George Smith, Vicar, Shareshill (Lichfield): to retire as from June 30 on grounds of ill health.

JUNGFRAU MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

(From a Correspondent)

Since the completion of the Rigi line in 1872 Switzerland has given us many bold and romantic examples of applied engineering science in the shape of mountain railways, but nothing so daring and gigantic has yet been attempted as the scheme of Herr Guyer-Zeller for the construction of a line of railway up to the summit of the Jungfrau, 13,670ft above sea level ...

The Scheidegg station being the starting point, the same class of permanent way and rack rail will be used as that on the Wengern Alp line. The total length of the railway will be 12,443m, and it will be divided into six sections, with intermediate stopping places and stations to be known as Eiger Glacier, Grindelwald View, Kalifirn (Eiger Station) Mönchjoch, Aletsch Guggi (Jungfraujoch), and Jungfrau (terminus). The *maximum gradient* will be one in four and the *minimum* one in ten, quite an easy climb compared, say, with Pilatus. The journey is timed to occupy exactly 100 minutes, and the speed will be about eight kilometres an hour. It is proposed to run five trips daily to the summit, each train offering accommodation for 80 passengers. The fare will be 40f. Under the Act of Concession, the line, which will be constructed in sections, must be completed within five years. As motive power it is proposed to use electricity and the necessary hydraulic pressure will be got from the Trummelbach and the Black and White Lutschinen. Ventilating shafts are to be driven from the tunnel to the surface at frequent intervals, and, if practicable, the electric light will be introduced into the tunnels ...

It was natural that a scheme of this character should be objected to both upon practical and upon aesthetic grounds. The first objection is embodied in the questions — will the health of a person of sound constitution be injuriously affected by his conveyance within two hours from a level of 2,000m to a level of 4,166m, and by the consequent rapid diminution of atmospheric pressure? And will such an ascent be dangerous to a person suffering from organic disease? The effect of the great volume of medical testimony adduced on these points is this — that rarefied air, in itself, is not sufficient to produce "mountain sickness" unless accompanied by the effects of exertion and fatigue. The committee of the Swiss Alpine Club declare themselves to be "perfectly convinced that, given a means of being conveyed to the summit without any kind of muscular exertion, persons in good health and of sound constitution have no evil consequences whatever to fear from a short sojourn on the top of the Jungfrau." For the benefit of delicate persons it is proposed to place a medical man at the Scheidegg station for consultation. To the other objection, that the line will spoil the beauty of the mountain, the simple reply is made that, except for a short distance, the line will be completely out of sight. Then, again, some of the terms upon which the Act of Concession was granted are interesting. The railway company is bound at all times to permit persons making the ascent on foot to have access to the mountain free of charge and without any restrictions ...

ON THIS DAY

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The Jungfrau railway was constructed from 1896 to 1912 at a cost of about £700,000. The great tunnel was hewn out of solid rock and has lifts and windowed galleries through which can be viewed such magnificent scenes as the north face of the Eiger.

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NEWS

Militant teachers defiant over action

■ Militant teachers defied their own leaders and the Labour Party by moving towards a campaign of industrial action over rising class sizes.

They rejected appeals from Doug McAvoy, their general secretary, and Tony Blair for a more moderate line the day after David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, was pursued and cornered by an angry mob at the National Union of Teachers' conference in Blackpool. John Bills, the union's president, said the protesters should be sacked..... **Page 1**

Deal struck to end fishing dispute

■ The European Union and Canada put an end to their six-week long fishing dispute with a deal hailed in Ottawa as a "victory for conservation" but condemned by Spain as the "death knell for the fishing industry"..... **Pages 1, 7**

Medals mistake

Three American soldiers involved in a friendly-fire incident that killed a fellow corporal one day before the end of the Gulf War later received medals of honour for their actions..... **Page 1**

Smear backfires

A Conservative MP's attempt to embroil Tony Blair in allegations of sleaze backfired when it emerged that an expenses-paid trip on Concorde, which the Labour leader did not declare, was taken at the request of the Government..... **Page 2**

Unexpectedly open

Garden centres moved heaven and earth to get round regulations banning them from trading as normal on what has traditionally been one of the busiest days of their year..... **Page 3**

Garden of the Year

The gardens at Levens Hall near Kendal, Cumbria, said to have been won on the turn of a card in 1688, were busy after being named Garden of the Year **Page 3**

Ulster peace crisis

Gerry Adams warned that the Government's refusal to hold ministerial talks with Sinn Fein has created a crisis in the peace process..... **Page 4**

Sleaze warning

Britain will be "submerged in a tide of sleaze and greed", Dr David Hope, the new Archbishop of York, warned..... **Page 5**

The tourist trap

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Nuclear treaty

Ministers and officials from 176 nations gather in New York to do battle over the future of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Britain and other declared nuclear weapon states are confident they have the votes for an indefinite extension of the current non-proliferation regime, which is due to expire after 25 years in force..... **Page 8**

Balladur in trouble

France's presidential election appeared to be heading towards a traditional showdown between Right and Left, with the final opinion poll of the campaign confirming the dramatic decline of Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister..... **Page 8**

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President Mandela delivered an apparently calculated snub to his estranged wife, Winnie, after she arrived conspicuously half an hour late at the unveiling of a tombstone over the grave of Chris Hani, the assassinated South African Communist Party leader..... **Page 9**

White House inspired by Majorism

■ The Prime Minister, facing strong criticism for his Citizen's Charter at home, has found an unusual ally among Democrats at the White House where policymakers have targeted the Tory government as a model to help to streamline Washington bureaucracy. Al Gore, the American vice-president, is studying Mr Major's programme of privatisation..... **Page 1**

BARRY BATCHELOR



Crew on the arrested Spanish trawler *Chimbote* being escorted into Devonport dockyard under suspicion of illegal fishing. **Page 7**

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Now the issue of a substitute arms source for Bosnia, in Iran, is in public view. It takes some doing to swallow the notion of an implicit American-Iranian single-issue connection. The way to proceed is cautiously, but to do it

— The Washington Post

Bigger than any other Hollywood drama in the offing is the question of which studio conglomerate will win the race to produce and market films, television programmes and music in ways unimagined now. At least in the case of MCA, the decision is out of the hands of a faceless corporation with no appetite for risk and adventure

— The New York Times



TOMORROW

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Clare Wood on the trials of being Britain's No 1 tennis player

■ GET FIT FOR £5
Spend a day at a health club for £5 — and take a friend for 20p

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Fifty years is a short period in human history. The fifty years since the deaths of Franklin Roosevelt and Adolf Hitler do not really allow us to see their historic impact in full perspective, any more than historians could fully appreciate the historic consequences of Napoleon in 1865, fifty years after his defeat at the Battle of Waterloo. From Napoleon came the ideas of dictatorship, of European empire, of nationalism, of mobilisation of the masses..... **Page 14**

PETER RIDDELL

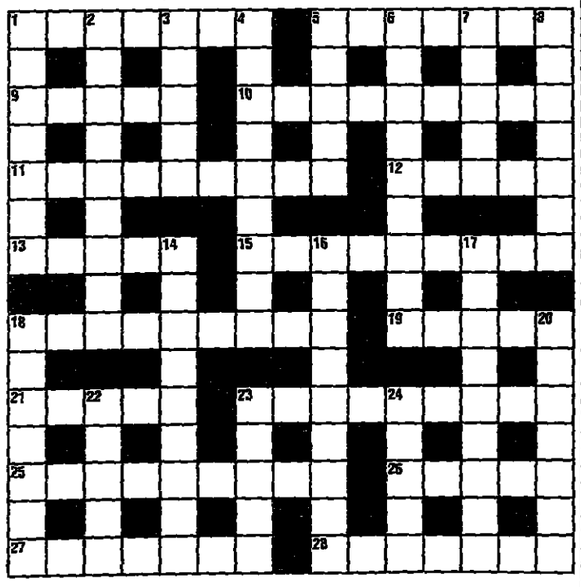
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13 So states a music man (5)
15 His knack of acquiring riches was touching (4,5)
18 Horsy place with dreadful service. (9)
19 A Continental love-affair without benefit of church (5)
21 "Frighted the reign of Chaos and old — " (Milton) (5)
23 Tea-ladies? (9)
25 Redesigned Bar attire for judge (9).
26 Far from relaxed in the past possibly (5)
27 Oriental egghead getting behind (7)
28 Worrying allergy in the main (7)

DOWN

1 Foreign money put into food production (7)
2 Getting a couple of pages to make a soil-improver (4-5)
3 Compact that's not at all sensible (5)
4 Novel bazaar game (9)
5 It must be raised before the tenth (5)
6 A player who'll get by with the composer (9)
7 Cook is corrupt since being put inside (5)
8 She's older, so made up differently (7)
14 Well-known Greek's child left in a lift (9)
16 The new iron plane — there's really nothing better (9)
17 A low-life hemisphere? (4-5)
18 Dressing for party time (7)
20 A home for retiring women, always in order (7)
22 Talk over certain points when the port appears (5)
23 Measure the links (5)
24 Dilute the drink (5)

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,830 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday. Highest day temp: Cardiff, 18C (61F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.24in; highest sunshine: Penzance, 10.2hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** southern areas of England and Wales will start fairly bright but rain will extend down from the north where it will give sleet or snow on the hills later. Temperatures will be near normal, but it will feel quite raw in the north, especially later.

Most of Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a wet morning, with snow on the Scottish mountains, but brighter weather, with wintry showers, will edge down from the north. It will feel cold, especially in the north where winds will be stronger.

☐ **London, SE, Central S, SW England, S Wales, Channel Isles:** cloudy. Mainly dry at first, rain later. Wind mainly west moderate becoming fresh. Maximum temperature 10C-12C (50F-54F).

☐ **E Anglia, Midlands, E England:** rain at times, persistent later. Wind west or southwest mainly moderate. Max 9C-11C (48F-52F).

☐ **N Wales, NW, Central N, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** wet, sleet or snow on hills later. Wind west becoming variable or northeast mainly light. Max 7C-9C (45F-48F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** rain or sleet, later. Snow on hills. Wind west becoming north light or moderate. Max 5C-7C (41F-45F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** clear or sunny intervals, heavy wintry showers. Wind north mainly moderate. Max 3C-5C (37F-41F).

☐ **N Ireland:** rain at first, then showers, turning wintry. Wind west becoming north moderate perhaps fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain and sleet clearing southern areas. Then all areas rather cold, with sunny intervals and wintry showers.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F		Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.6	-	16	61	b	Littlehmptn	9.8	-	14	57	s
Anglesey	9.4	-	13	55	s	Liverpool	11.1	-	14	57	s
Aspatria	10.7	-	14	57	s	London	10.5	-	18	64	s
Aviemore	3.2	-	12	54	c	Lowestoft	X				
Belfast	8.6	-	16	61	b	Manchester	10.3	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	10.3	-	18	64	s	Margate	5.6	-	12	54	s
Bognor R	9.8	-	15	59	s	Morecambe	8.8	-	12	54	s
Bournem'th	7.4	-	14	57	s	Newcastle	X				
Bristol	7.4	-	17	63	s	Newquay	12.5	-	13	55	s
Buxton	11.1	-	14	57	s	Norwich	9.7	-	17	63	s
Cardiff	11.7	-	14	57	s	Oxford	8.5	-	17	63	s
Clacton	9.2	-	13	55	s	Penzance	11.9	-	15	59	s
Cleethorpes	11.1	-	18	64	s	Plymouth	12.4	-	14	57	s
Colwyn Bay	9.8	-	15	59	s	Poole	7.5	-	17	63	s
Cromer	11.7	-	13	55	s	Prestatyn	X		14	57	s
Doncaster	8.9	-	18	64	s	Ross-o-wye	10.3	-	18	64	s
Dunbar	X					Ryde	8.8	-	17	63	s
Eastbourne	X					Salcombe	10.3	-	18	64	s
Edinburgh	8.4	-	15	59	b	Sandown	8.8	-	15	59	s
Eskdalemuir	8.2	-	15	59	fg	Scarin Snd	13.1	-	15	59	s
Exmouth	11.3	-	12	54	s	Scarboro'	9.3	-	15	59	s
Falmouth	X	-	15	59	s	Scilly Isles	12.7	-	15	59	s
Fishguard	11.9	-	12	54	s	Shanklin	7.9	-	14	57	s
Folkestone	8.5	-	14	57	s	Shrewsbury	10.0	-	17	63	s
Glasgow	6.9	-	14	57	s	Skegness	X				
Guernsey	X					Southend	11.1	-	13	55	s
Hastings	8.5	-	13	55	s	Southport	11.0	-	12	54	s
Hayling I.	9.4	-	13	55	s	Southsea	8.8	-	15	59	s
Herne Bay	10.2	-	13	55	s	Stornoway	0.2	0.02	10	50	d
Hunstanton	10.8	-	16	61	s	Swanage	7.3	-	13	55	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	12.2	-	12	54	s
Isle of Man	8.7	-	13	55	s	Tenby	12.7	-	17	63	s
Jersey	6.4	-	14	57	s	Tiree	2.1	-	11	52	c
Kinloss	3.0	-	12	54	c	Torquay	12.4	-	12	54	s
Leeds	9.2	-	18	64	s	Veryan	8.6	-	16	61	s
Lerwick	0.1	0.06	8	46	r	West-s-mare	X				
Leuchars	11.1	-	16	61	s	Weymouth	9.3	-	13	55	s

These are Saturday's figures

ABROAD

Alaccio	16	61	s	C'phagn	6	43	f	Majorca	19	66	s
Alicante	19	66	s	Corfu	11	52	r	Malaga	21	70	s
Alde'dra	26	79	c	Dublin	10	50	d	Malta	16	61	s
Algiers	18	64	s	Dubrovnik	11	52	s	Melb'rne	11	52	f
Amst'dm	9	48	r	Faro	20	68	s	Miami	27	81	c
Athens	12	54	r	Florence	12	54	r	Milan	15	59	s
Bahrain	37	81	s	Frankfurt	9	48	c	Montreal	5	41	c
Bangkok	35	95	s	Funchal	21	70	s	Moscow	13	55	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	8	46	r	Munich	8	46	r
Barcelona	16	61	f	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Naples	9	48	c
Beirut	20	68	s	Helsinki	12	54	f	N Delhi	34	93	s
Belgrade	15	59	r	Hong K	29	84	c	N York	11	52	s
Berlin	5	41	c	Innsbruck	9	48	c	Nice	14	57	s
Bermuda	22	72	f	Istanbul	15	59	f	Oslo	5	41	f
Biarritz	13	55	s	Jeddah	37	99	s	Paris	10	50	c
Biarritz	14	57	c	Karachi	31	88	f	Peking	23	73	s
Brussels	6	43	r	L Palmas	22	72	f	Perth	21	70	s
Budapst	14	57	s	Le Touqt	9	48	f	Prague	8	46	c
B Aires	22	72	f	Lisbon	23	73	s	Reykjavik	2	36	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Locarno	16	61	f	Rhodes	16	61	f
Cape Tn	-	-	-	L Angels	17	63	s	Rio de J	26	79	f
Chicago	11	52	c	Luxembg	7	45	c	Riyadh	32	90	s
Ch'church	12	54	X	Luxor	42	108	s	Rome	9	48	r
Cologne	9	48	c	Madrid	18	64	f	Salzburg	10	50	r

S Fr'sco	11	52	f	Singapr	31	88
Santiago	23	73	s	S Paulo	22	72
Seoul	14	57	c	Sofia	14	57
Sing'por	31	88	f	Stkholm	6	46
Strasb'rg	10	50	f	Sydney	22	72
Tangier	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	26	79
Tenerife	23	73	f	Tokyo	15	59
Toronto	8	46	s	Tunis	17	63
Valencia	21	70	c	Vanc'ver	9	48
Venice	13	55	f	Vienna	11	52
Warsaw	11	52	c	Wash'ton	14	57
Wel'gton	16	59	s	Zurich	7	45

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: low A will move slowly north, and low B will deepen as it moves east while low D fills as it drifts north. High C will remain almost stationary



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2:43	7.41	3:11	7.30	Leith	3:29	5.81	3:53	5.66
Aberdeen	2:16	4.25	2:36	4.48	Liverpool	-	-	0:18	10.04
Avonmouth	8:15	14.05	8:36	14.01	Llanelli	10:02	2.52	10:21	2.62
Belfast	-	-	0:04	3.83	Margate	0:48	5.00	1:12	4.94
Cardiff	8:05	12.53	8:29	12.45	Milford Haven	7:09	7.41	7:32	7.35
Devonport	6:56	5.57	7:16	5.58	Newquay	5:59	7.32	6:19	7.22
Dover	11:57	6.84	-	-	Oban	6:04	4.07	6:55	4.01
Dublin	0:10	4.23	0:41	4.35	Penzance	5:36	5.64	5:58	5.61
Falmouth	5:59	5.47	6:17	5.36	Portland	7:02	2.20	8:21	2.17
Glasgow	1:53	4.63	11:29	3.81	Portsmouth	9:06	4.97	9:30	4.86
Harwich	0:38	4.14	1:03	4.11	Shoreham	-	-	0:28	6.53
Holyhead	11:19	5.87	11:39	6.02	Southampton	11:49	4.89	-	-
Hull	7:14	7.78	7:32	7.95	Stornoway	2:23	10.05	2:44	10.04
Ilfracombe	6:58	9.71	7:20	9.76	Tees	4:24	5.57	4:58	5.60
King's Lynn	7:11	7.26	7:31	7.44	Wilton-on-Nen	0:00	4.67	0:56	4.80

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Sun rises: 6.02 am — Sun sets: 8.00 pm
Moon sets: 7.07 pm — Moon rises: 10.59 am
First quarter April 22

London 8.00pm to 6.00 am
Bristol 9.00 pm to 6.10 am
Edinburgh 8.23 pm to 5.01 am
Manchester 8.19 pm to 6.04 am
Penzance 8.18 pm to 6.34 am

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Bruce left...

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FOOTBALL ... than runners ... Easter Monday ... making or breaking ... season of club ... for champion-ship ... ing has experienced ... pearance in the ... premiership this ... one of two teams ... championship. ... four teams will ... spring, no fewer ... are living in ... season, involving ... perceived as ... turnover is good ... and very sour ... people will have ... that, a few years ... have been little ... watch the new ...

But to persevere ... many is like ... message of Lawr ... taste of chocolate ... supporters are ... they care, too much ... for their team, for ... accrues to [illegible] ... instead of a fear ... likely to have a ... ruled by finance ...

Even at the ... Dalglish, hear ... Alex Ferguson as ... on among man ... declaring that ... matter more than ... mances. He would ... entertain, and we ... pen his team ... worth of talent ... the honest ... English use, the ... "grind" out ...

Blackburn Rovers ... nents. Manchester ... are today playing ... moves in a quest ... One cannot see ... Cup withstanding ... like tasked ambitions ... er, Sutton and ... what of Chelsea? ...

They travel to [illegible]

RUGBY UNION



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Leicester loosen Bath's grip on league title

RACING



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Dunlop's filly one of ten to follow in the Flat

ICE HOCKEY



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Sheffield's steely resolve secures double

SPORT FOR ALL



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Putting heart and soul into charity cycle ride

TIMES SPORT

MONDAY APRIL 17 1995

CHAMPIONSHIP UPS AND DOWNS CONTINUES

DOUG MARKE



Bruce, left, and Cole celebrate the Manchester United forward's second goal

TWO DOWN, TWO TO GO

10 ARSENAL
P 38 46pts Goal diff 0
Form: beaten in six of their last eight games
Today: Aston Villa (a)
April 29: Tottenham (h)
May 6: Wimbledon (h)
May 14: Chelsea (a)

11 SHEFFIELD WED
P 38 46pts Goal diff -10
Form: lost eight of last 11 matches
Today: Everton (h)
April 29: Southampton (a)
May 7: Manchester Utd (a)
May 14: Ipswich (h)

12 COVENTRY CITY
P 37 46pts Goal diff -15
Form: have taken 15 points from nine matches under Ron Atkinson
Today: Notts Forest (a)
May 1: Manchester Utd (h)
May 6: Ipswich (a)
May 9: Tottenham (a)
May 14: Everton (h)

13 SOUTHAMPTON
P 36 45pts Goal diff -5
Form: Beaten three times in 16 games, won four of last five
Today: Wimbledon (a)
April 29: Sheffield Wed (h)
May 3: Crystal Palace (h)
May 6: Everton (a)
May 10: Manchester Utd (a)
May 14: Leicester (h)

14 CHELSEA
P 37 45pts Goal diff -7
Form: gained first win in seven games on Saturday
Today: Manchester Utd (a)
April 29: QPR (h)
May 3: Everton (a)
May 6: Leicester (a)
May 14: Arsenal (h)

15 MANCHESTER CITY
P 37 44pts Goal diff -10
Form: only three wins in last 20 matches
Today: Blackburn (a)
April 29: Newcastle (h)
May 3: Aston Villa (a)
May 6: Notts Forest (a)
May 14: QPR (h)

16 ASTON VILLA
P 37 43pts Goal diff -2
Form: one win in eight matches, failed to score in five of last six
Today: Arsenal (h)
April 29: Leeds (a)
May 3: Manchester City (h)
May 6: Liverpool (h)
May 14: Norwich (a)

17 EVERTON
P 36 42pts Goal diff -8
Form: beaten only four times in last 14 matches
Today: Sheffield Wed (a)
April 29: Wimbledon (h)
May 3: Chelsea (h)
May 6: Southampton (h)
May 9: Ipswich (a)
May 14: Coventry (a)

18 NORWICH CITY
P 38 42pts Goal diff -14
Form: taken only nine points out of 48 in 1995
Today: Tottenham (a)
April 29: Liverpool (h)
May 6: Leeds (a)
May 14: Aston Villa (h)

19 WEST HAM
P 36 41pts Goal diff -8
Form: unbeaten in last five matches
Today: Ipswich (a)
April 30: Blackburn (h)
May 3: QPR (h)
May 6: Crystal Palace (a)
May 10: Liverpool (h)
May 14: Manchester Utd (h)

20 CRYSTAL PALACE
P 35 39pts Goal diff -10
Form: lost only one of last six despite cup distractions
Today: QPR (a)
April 20: Blackburn (a)
April 29: Notts Forest (h)
May 3: Southampton (a)
May 6: West Ham (h)
May 9: Leeds (a)
May 14: Newcastle (a)

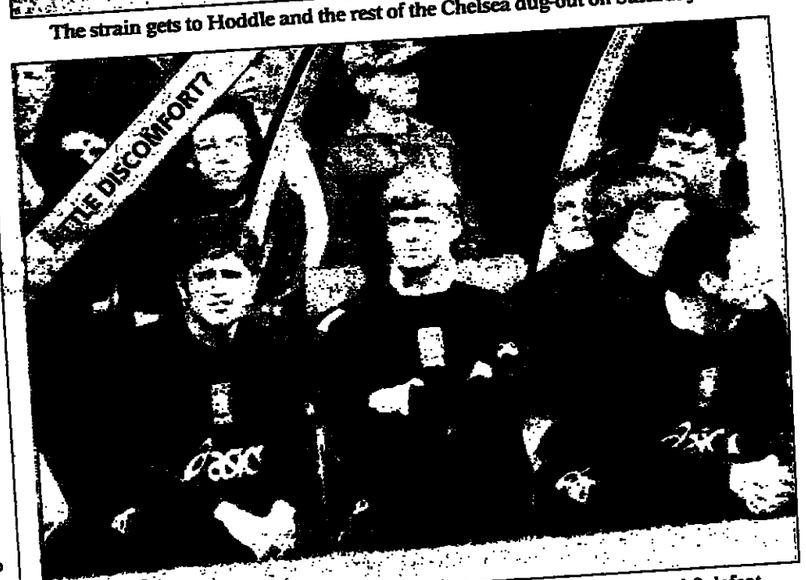
21 22

Leicester City and Ipswich Town are already certain to be relegated from the FA Carling Premiership. Eleven clubs are battling to avoid the two remaining places.

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The strain gets to Hoddle and the rest of the Chelsea dug-out on Saturday . . .



. . . while Brian Little and company appear resigned to Aston Villa's 1-0 defeat

Much to fear at time of trauma

Rob Hughes, football correspondent, surveys the prospects on a day of reckoning for clubs still fighting at both ends of the Premiership

FOOTBALL hits the marathon runner's wall today. The Easter Monday tradition of making or breaking the whole season of clubs in contention for championships and relegation has expanded with a vengeance in the FA Carling Premiership this time. Only one of two teams can win the championship, but, because four teams will drop this spring, no fewer than 11 clubs are living in fear. Such a season, involving so many, is perceived as excitement. The turnover is good for business and very soon 11 million people will have paid prices that, a few years ago would have been unthinkable, to watch the new elite at play.

But to perceive it as excitement is like confusing the message of Easter with the taste of chocolate. Yes, the supporters are committed. Yes they care, too much at times, for their team, for the status it accrues to their town, but instead of a feast today, we are likely to have a frenzy of fear, ruled by finance.

Even at the top, Kenny Dalglish, heir apparent to Alex Ferguson as the champion among managers, has been declaring that results now matter more than performances. He would like to entertain, and we would expect his team of £27 million worth of talent to do so, but, in the honest words that Dalglish uses, they are happy to "grind" out points.

Blackburn Rovers and their rivals, Manchester United, are today playing sides desperate to kick anything that moves in a quest for safety. One cannot see Manchester City withstanding the power, the naked ambition, of Shearer, Sutton and company. But what of Chelsea?

They travel to Old Trafford, where they won last season, four days before playing the second leg of a European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final. And Chelsea, having alleviated the dreadful barrenness of a dozen home matches without victory, must indeed have some hope against a United team without Giggs, Sharpe, Kanchelskis, Parker, May and Keane, all injured; and of course without Cantona, now doing community service.

Their youngsters won without fear at Leicester City on Saturday, but Leicester obligingly stood back while Chelsea cannot afford to do so. "Who knows, if Blackburn keep throwing points away and we keep winning," Ferguson said, "this could be the biggest triumph in our history."

Who knows? But traumas are more plentiful than triumphs in a Premiership of contrived stress. You could see the pressure affecting Glenn Hoddle in the manager's dugout on Saturday. BBC television made sure we saw it. saw a young man of independent financial means, a man who finds solace in his Christian faith, mentally kicking every ball, his head in his hands, gesticulating, shouting, ageing before our eyes.

There are 11 Hoddles around the Premiership. "Why do we need four teams going down?" Alan Ball, manager of Southampton, asks. "There are some lovely clubs being squeezed. It is affecting players' livelihoods. Managers have become fodder because people panic. It's all because chairmen of the bigger clubs want to go to the moon and leave everybody else behind."

Ah, the bigger clubs. How we would wish for one of the self-elected elite, who pushed for the breakaway of the Premiership, to fall. It looks less likely today than it did a week ago. Arsenal, like Chelsea, in the Cup Winners' Cup semi-finals, play Aston Villa. Both were in the vanguard of elitism but, while Ian Wright could conjure a hat-trick for Arsenal on Saturday, Villa's wretched form in front of goal still haunts them.

The third powerful club involved in the mire of relegation is Everton. They are at Sheffield Wednesday today and the home team, long on ability but short on battling qualities, would spring a surprise indeed if they could wrestle more than a point out of a team rejuvenated by Joe Royle.

He could be the manager of the season, perhaps will be if Everton win the FA Cup Final, against Manchester United on May 20. Gone, we hope permanently, is the ugly attrition by which Royle's Everton first arrested the alarming slide. Now they are proving they can play.

West Ham United have something of the same ambience, the crowd and the players, and enough home games, particularly against teams who may quickly lose interest, to avoid ignominy. West Ham today are away at Ipswich Town, where everyone imagines that it is their right and duty to pick up the points. So, if all of the above, as well as Coventry City, narrowly avoid a fate worse than injury, who will go down?

Leicester City and Ipswich are already destined for lower-grade football. The bookmakers are sure that Norwich City and Crystal Palace will join them. Crystal Palace today play Queens Park Rangers, who, like Wimbledon and Liverpool, are the only teams in the entire division who can afford to play free of tension, free of the absolute need to grapple with points to affect their immediate future.

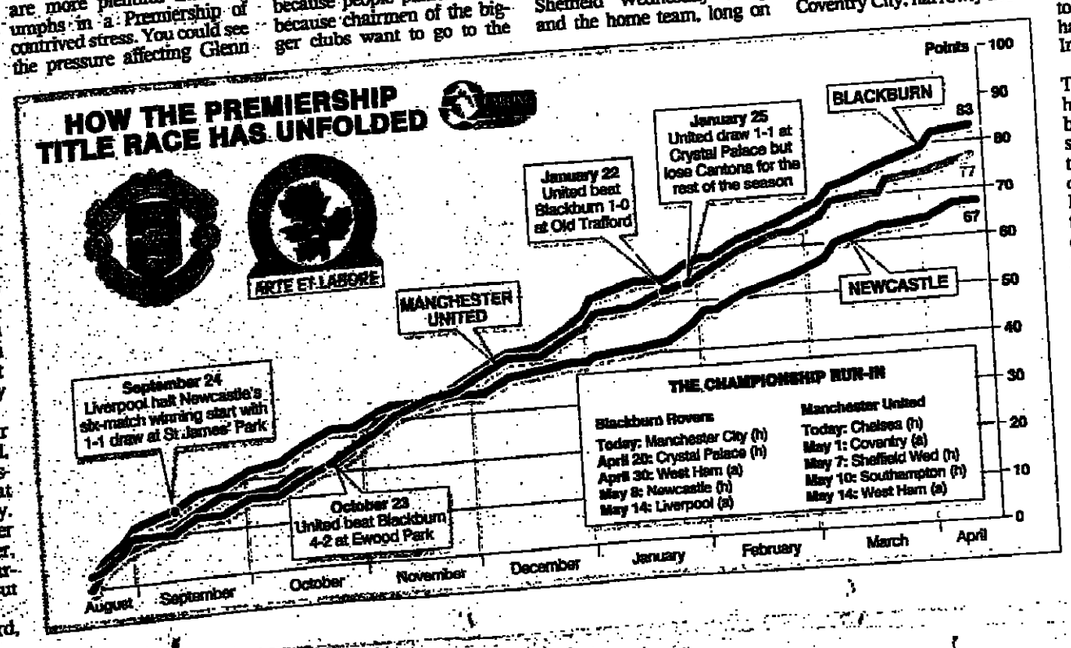
But grapple Palace certainly will. It is their nature and it is what upset Manchester United to such degrees. It comes from having two few players of genuine class. And Alan Smith, their honest manager, cannot be helped by the bickering of the boardroom at his back.

And Norwich? They visit Tottenham Hotspur, a team still hungry for points, hungry to qualify for Europe without having to enter the spurious Intertoto Cup.

Poor, forlorn Norwich. Their manager, John Deehan, has stood down in what, he believes, is a noble gesture, a sacrifice in the hope that the team will pull together without him. His stand-in, Gary Megson, has only four games to save the Premiership status of a club that, it is said, have sold off too many players to be worthy of their place.

An Easter feast? It is driven too much by the fear of failure. In Northern Ireland, during the troubles, it was said that you could not have normal sport in an abnormal society. You also cannot expect flowing football when the price of failure is abnormally high.

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This, as we must have been told a dozen times, was the big one. The immunable force meets the immovable object, as Stuart Barnes put it. This was Leicester versus Bath, the match expected to decide the first division title and Sky Sport's reward for its somewhat neglected coverage of English club rugby.

The game, of course, turned out to be a thriller, with Leicester overturning the form-book and, in the process, capturing the support of the uncommitted. With the result in doubt right down to the final intercepted pass, it was gripping television. But it had all started so differently.

Curiously, for a channel not known for selling itself short, the afternoon began rather lacking in a sense of occasion. Not that Barnes was saying anything wrong, nor indeed were his guests, Gareth Chilcott and Peter Wheeler. It was just too like all the other matches that had gone before. This was the moment, surely, for Barnes to show how he is progressing as a broadcaster, to abandon the soundproof sanctuary of the presentation box and step out onto the turf of Welford Road. In short, this was the moment for Barnes to give us his impersonation of Steve Rider on a five nations' *Grandstand*, the moment to stop talking about atmosphere and start generating some.

To be fair, it was a moment that had probably arrived a little too soon for Barnes, who has made great headway as a presenter but still looks happier charting with his studio guests than he does addressing the camera. Perhaps next season . . .

For ten minutes or so, it also looked as if Bath were not the only ones that the Tigers had caught asleep. As the officials spotted a spate of early, off-the-ball incidents, the replays were slow to come. At first I thought it might be a commendable reluctance to avoid missing any live action, the problem that so afflicted the BBC's five nations' coverage this year. When they eventually did, I realised it was because Sky's cameras had failed to pick up the alleged infringements. So were the cameramen asleep or was it the match officials that were dreaming?

Jamie Salmon, alongside Miles Harrison in the commentary box, was in no doubt. I don't think I have ever heard more persistent criticism of a referee from a match commentator or summariser (Salmon, in fact, is somewhere between the two). Encouraged by a comment from Barnes, Salmon started and never really stopped, culminating eventually in the opinion that he "didn't believe the referee had an earthly idea about who is collapsing the scrum". It was strong stuff from the former England international and, while it broke the unspoken code among commentators that match officials are somehow above such criticism, it anticipated the post-match comments of the Bath captain, John Hall, to the letter.

Later on, Salmon demonstrated his impressive tactical awareness by instantly — and, in terms of tension, very helpfully — recognising the risk Dean Richards was taking by asking Liley to kick for goal with Leicester's last-minute penalty. With the scores 24-21, the risk was a miss and a Bath counter-attack. The reality was that bungled pass and Rory Underwood's opportunist try. Salmon may not have the easiest microphone manner, but he'd had a great game.

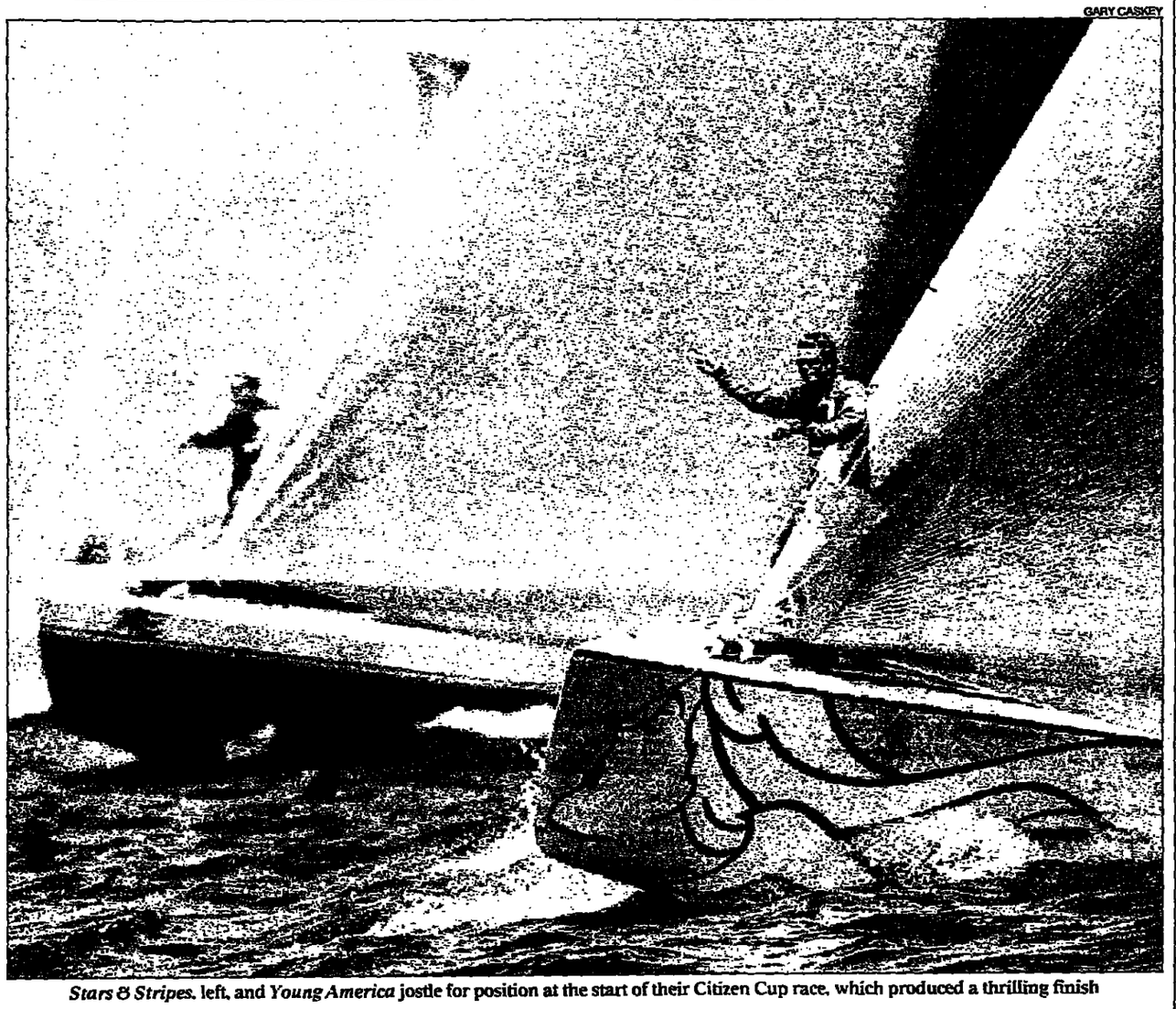
As events progressed, the replays were soon coming thick and fast, so fast in fact that Sky would commit the unpardonable sin of missing a potentially crucial conversion because it was still showing replays of Mike Catt's try. Given the time the channel has available for its enjoyable post-mortem session, surely one, possibly two replays would suffice during the game. After all, not every kicker is as obligingly slow as Neil Jenkins.

The director's fondness for tight close-ups also meant that vital tactical play was occasionally missed. "There's a huge overlap," Harrison shouted as Potter thundered towards the Bath line. Where? We couldn't see it. Then again, neither could Potter.

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Bold gamble earns one-second victory in America's Cup

GARY CASKEY



Stars & Stripes, left, and *Young America* jostle for position at the start of their Citizen Cup race, which produced a thrilling finish

Courageous Conner cuts it fine

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

DENNIS CONNER continued his winning ways in the America's Cup with a one-second victory over Kevin Mahaney's *Young America*, while John Bertrand's *one-Australia* won against *Team New Zealand* in a dramatic day of yacht racing here to select the finalists to contest the cup next month.

For Conner, this win by a 10ft margin puts his *Stars & Stripes* crew firmly back in contention, three weeks after boat and campaign were almost sunk by keel damage. Victory was just as significant for the Australians, who inflicted *Team New Zealand's* first defeat in 37 starts to keep their own hopes alive.

Before the races on Saturday, sailed in 10-14 knot winds and 7ft swells, Bertrand's team had lost three straight races against their Russell Coutts-skippered rivals, who looked like taking the Louis Vuitton Cup challenge finals with a 5-0 whitewash. Victory, coupled with the cancellation of racing yesterday because of adverse weather and a programmed rest day today, has given the Australians two valuable days in which to make their boat more competitive in the lighter conditions that the New Zealanders excel in.

The contests were the best so far in the gruelling three-month trials. "We showed the public today just how good sailing can be," Tom Whidden, the tactician aboard *Stars & Stripes*, said.

The lead on either course was never more than 18sec, and more often than not the bowmen could have jumped from one boat to another as the yachts criss-crossed upwind. The New Zealanders, who started more than a boat length behind in their match against *oneAustralia*, began a tacking duel even before they had crossed the start line, and threw in a further 86 attacks before finally admitting defeat.

On the defender course, *Stars & Stripes* gained the upper hand when Paul Cayard, the helmsman, judged that he could just cross

DETAILS

FINALS: Defenders: Fifth race: Stars & Stripes (D Conner) bt Young America (K Mahaney) by one second. Challengers: Fourth race: oneAustralia (J Bertrand) bt Team New Zealand (R Coutts) by 15sec

Young America's bows during the final beat to windward. Cayard said the gap was 10ft. It looked more like five, but the gamble won the race. "We just crossed and that's what this game is all about," Whidden said. "There was some risk, but the rewards were high because we went from a give-way position to being in control."

The on-water judges called it that way, too, waving down *Young America's* protest flag to give Conner's revamped yacht an 8sec advantage as the crews rounded the top mark for the final run home. Mahaney and his crew kept up the attack, starving *Stars & Stripes* of wind whenever it could, but, when it mattered most, the Pacific swells picked up Conner's yacht to thrust it forward across the finish line first.

The New Zealanders were just as remorseless with their attack on *oneAustralia*, but never quite got on level terms. Coutts and his crew threw in 35 tacks on the first beat and 33 on the second, upwind leg, but Rod Davis, the Australian who skippered the New Zealand challenge three years ago, countered each one perfectly. "It was the only way," he said. "Every time they got close, we had to beat them across the nose with a stick. Nothing else seems to get their attention."

Coutts and his crew, who suffered a complete electrical failure aboard their boat just as the pre-start began, had only one chance to overtake, when the spinnaker halyard on *oneAustralia* ran out, but failed to capitalise on it. Kim Sheridan, one of the grinders aboard *oneAustralia*, failed to get a third turn on the winch before the sail filled and 40ft of line ran out, burning the skin off both hands.

Others rallied to hold the flailing rope tail and stop the spinnaker from dropping in the water and, despite his injuries, Sheridan continued to man his winch. "He will be in a lot of pain, but determined to be back on the boat on Wednesday," Davis said. "We will have to let the doctor decide, because I don't want to be the one to tell him he's off."

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W Indies selectors decide no changes required

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WEST Indies, 1-0 down in the four-match series, have named an unchanged squad of 13 for the third Test, starting in Trinidad on Friday, against the touring Australians, who have run into some unexpected tailend resistance in their match against a Board XI in St Kitts.

With Carl Rackemann marking his first match for the touring side by taking three for 42 in 15 overs, the Board XI were 110 for six on Saturday before Nehemiah Perry, the Jamaican off spinner, made an unbeaten half-century from 79 balls.

Although he was quickly dismissed yesterday, for 57, Otis Gibson, batting at No 10, hit three sixes and six fours as he made 55 from only 59 balls as the home side rallied to reach 261. In reply, the Australians were 69 without loss at lunch.

Both the opening first-class fixtures in England ended in draws on Saturday, with Durham, against Oxford University, and Yorkshire, who were playing Cambridge at Fenner's, taking batting practice in a chilling wind before leaving the universities with no choice but to play out time.

Oxford, set to make 277 in three hours in the Parks, finished at 93 for three, Will Kendall and Ian Sutcliffe adding 52 without being parted before play was called off.

Malcolm Burk, from Keighley, who took over as Cambridge's wicketkeeper when David Churton broke a finger, made two stumpings against his native county, claiming Richard Blakey and Paul Grayson, who shared in a 112-run opening partnership with Michael Vaughan.

"I had gone along to watch the game and was wishing I was playing when I was offered the chance," Burk said. He was subsequently named for the university's game against Lancashire this week.

Yorkshire, despite a first-innings lead of 305, extended their second innings until mid-afternoon before declaring at 165 for three, leaving Cambridge 110 minutes plus 20 overs to save the game.

Russell Cake stood firm for the university, scoring an unbeaten 25 out of 52 for four, helping to persuade Yorkshire that there was little point in requesting the extra half-hour.

The umpire, Harold Bird, who has a knee injury, missed the last innings, Peter Chimson taking over.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Courier celebrates defeat of Agassi

JIM COURIER surprisingly beat Andre Agassi to win the Japan Open tennis championships yesterday. Agassi, the top seed, playing in his first tournament since capturing the world No 1 spot earlier last week, lost 3-6, 4-6 to his fellow American, who was seeded fourth. Courier, the former world No 1 and a winner in Tokyo in 1992, imposed a barrage of blistering service winners and dotted his mainly baseline game with deceptive lobs and drop shots.

Agassi has not beaten Courier in their past six meetings. He last beat him at the French Open in 1990. It was a good week for Courier, now the world No 15. The last time he beat a top ten player was in 1994 when he overcame Pete Sampras. In Saturday's semi-final, he beat the world No 6, Michael Chang, also of the United States.

Monarchs off mark

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The London Monarchs recorded their first win of the World League of American Football season when they translated turnovers into points in a 23-7 victory over Rhein Fire in Düsseldorf on Saturday (Richard Wetherell writes).

The British running back, Victor Ebubedike, responded well to being used as the No 1 rusher (as did Tony Brooks later in the game) and put the Monarchs into a 13-7 half-time lead from two yards out. The Monarch's other touchdown, to add to Don Silvestri's three field goals, was another short run by the quarterback, Brad Johnson, who had a fine game, from one yard out.

Fujimoto first for Japan



MOTOR RALLYING: The Safari Rally, across Kenya, was won by Yoshio Fujimoto, left, yesterday, who became the first Japanese driver to win what is widely regarded as the world's toughest such event. Fujimoto led the 1,860-mile race almost from the start, despite overturning his Toyota during the final leg. "I'm just very happy," he said. "It was not easy."

Robertson to the rescue

ICE HOCKEY: Great Britain increased their chances of remaining in pool B of the world championships with a hard-earned 3-2 victory over Holland in Bratislava on Saturday, coming from behind late in the game. Britain twice hit back to equalise through David Longstaff, his second coming just three minutes from the end. With 90 seconds remaining, Iain Robertson scored the winning goal.

Thomson wins twice

EQUESTRIANISM: Mary Thomson won two advanced classes at the Brigstock Horse Trials in Northamptonshire yesterday, riding two of her Badminton prospects — Star Appeal and King William, who won his second event in a week. Thomson takes King Kong and Star Appeal to the Cornbury Park Horse Trials next weekend before deciding which two to run at Badminton.

Rydell in pole position

MOTOR SPORT: Volvo and Vauxhall will line up at the front of the field for today's third and fourth rounds of the Auto Trader British Touring Car championship at Brands Hatch. Rickard Rydell, of Sweden, claimed pole position for both races in his Volvo 850. The Vauxhall drivers, John Cleland and James Thompson, split the honours behind with a second and third place each.

Frazier foils Date



TENNIS: Amy Frazier, left, saved two set points in the first set and one in the second yesterday in winning the Japan Open women's title in Tokyo, foiling Kimiko Date's attempt for a fourth successive championship. Frazier, who lost in the final last year, won 7-6, 7-5 in 1hr 40min watched by 9,000 spectators. Frazier's victory improved her match record for the year to 13-6.

New Zealand debuts

RUGBY UNION: Three of New Zealand's most promising young players — Andrew Mehrtens, Glen Osborne and Josh Kronfeld — make their international debuts against Canada in Auckland on Saturday, the only match the All Blacks play before the World Cup in South Africa next month.

NEW ZEALAND: G Osborne; J Wilson, F Bunce, W Little, M Ellis; A Mehrtens, G Bachop, C Dowd, S Fitzpatrick, O Brown, J Joseph, R Brooke, I Jones, J Kronfeld, M Brewer. Replacements: J Lomu, S Bachop, S Forster, B Larsen, N Hewitt, R Loe.

Fahey raises game

REAL TENNIS: Robert Fahey starts the second day of his world championship defence against Wayne Davies leading by three sets to one. Fahey, the Hobart professional, who won the title from his compatriot Davies a year ago, raised his game impressively after Davies levelled the match at 1-1. His home court advantage and two-set lead will give his confidence a boost in the best-of-13-set match.

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Teenagers outgun Obree

BY PETER BRYAN

GRAEME OBREE underestimated the strength of Britain's junior cyclists in his ambitious 4,000 metres challenge match against a squad of four at Manchester yesterday.

The Scot, a former world champion at the distance, suffered his second defeat in 48 hours in a comeback programme aimed to re-establish him at championship level.

He was caught with three laps to go in his race against Phillip West, James Perkins, James Notley and Ceri Pritchard, who were together for the first time in competition.

Obree, using a gear of 108 inches, was trailing from the start and, at the end of the first kilometre, was 6sec down on his teenage rivals, but he reduced the gap to 4sec at the halfway point. His rivals' chase, however, was relentless, and they overhauled him after 3min 51sec.

The winning quartet went on to complete the full 4,000 metres in 4min 32sec, 3sec outside the British record.

☐ Paul Curran, the winner of the first stage of the Girvan three-day road race in Scotland, has an overall lead of 6sec at the start of the fourth and final test, of 70 miles, today.

☐ Mauro Gianetti, of Switzerland, deprived Laurent Jalabert, of France, of an Ardennes double yesterday with a tactical masterstroke to win the Liège-Bastogne-Liège title.

He stole away inside the final five kilometres to beat the non-plussed Jalabert, who crossed the line in fourth behind two Italians, Gianni Bugno, the 1991 and 1992 world champion, and Michele Bartoli.

Gianetti, 31, a professional since 1986, gambled that Bugno, Jalabert and Bartoli would be too worried about each other to chase him when he made his late break in the World Cup race and so it proved as Jalabert, with an extraordinary series of wins this season including the Paris-Nice, the Milan-San Remo, the Criterium International and the Fleche-Wulonne on Wednesday, exchanged glances with Bugno but failed to respond.

It was the biggest win of a modest six-victory career for the Swiss rider, who crossed the line in 6hr 38min 25sec, with Bugno, Bartoli and Jalabert 15sec behind.

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Teddington denied place in final

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN CAGLIARI

TEDDINGTON were denied a place in the European Cup Winners' Cup hockey finals here by the Dutch club, HDM, from The Hague, whose 3-0 victory yesterday put them at the top of Pool B in the round-robin series. HDM will play the German club, Harveste Huder, in today's final, leaving Teddington to play off with Real Club de Polo, of Barcelona, for the bronze medal.

All Teddington needed was a draw to go through yesterday, but the Dutch side seized the initiative from the start and played with growing assurance. Their control and positional play were superb.

No matter how hard Teddington tried, they could not penetrate deep enough and their corner drill broke down for the want of a plan. By contrast, HDM were successful with their first two short corners, in the fourth and 24th minutes, Stradmere converting the first and Donk the second.

Teddington then put pressure on the Dutch defence, but, by the end of the first half, had gained nothing from four short corners. Their best chance was lost in the 47th minute, when a shot by Gibbins from McGuire's free hit was despatched wide of the far post. The third goal by Pypers, six minutes before the end, settled the issue.

Teddington had lived dangerously on Saturday before defeating Poeztowiec, of Poland, 3-1. Gibbins was suspended for five minutes after disputing an early goal and Teddington survived a penalty stroke when the score was poised at 1-1, but they eventually overran the opposition in a late flurry of excitement. Laslett equalised in the second half, Wallis converted a short corner and Nicklin added the third goal after missing an open goal two minutes earlier.

Grange, from Edinburgh, finished last in Pool A after a 3-1 defeat yesterday by Ekaterinburg, from Russia. Calum Wood scored for the Scots in the second half.

☐ If all goes according to plan, revenge will be sweet for Slough in today's women's European Cup Winner's Cup final (Alix Ramsay writes). The English league champions will face Russelsheim, of Germany, the same opponents who beat them in the final of the European indoor championships in February.

Slough started their European challenge with an uninspired draw against Groningen, the host club, but, from there, have never looked back. They scored 13 goals against Heriot Watt University on Saturday and yesterday beat the Russian side, Tekstilshik, 3-2, thanks to two goals from Mandy Nicholls and one from Sam Wright.

Russelsheim, went through with a 1-0 win over Amiens, of France, yesterday. They are, according to Karen Brown, Slough's former captain, "a typical German side, clinical, efficient and with an excellent penalty corner routine".

Slough intend to avoid conceding corners whenever possible and defending well when they do. "They must be the favourites, but they are beatable and we fancy our chances," Brown said.



Betting on first-round match suspended at world snooker championship

Francisco's heavy defeat subject of inquiry



O'Sullivan lines up a shot in his flying start against Harold yesterday. Photograph: Eric Whitehead

By Phil Yates

AN INQUIRY has been called after allegations of betting irregularities during a first-round match between Peter Francisco and Jimmy White at the Embassy world snooker championship in Sheffield yesterday.

Betting on the match, in which White beat the South African 10-2, was suspended on Saturday by the Betting Office Licensees' Association (Bola), and the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), snooker's governing body, which yesterday issued a short statement that expressed its concern about "unusual betting patterns".

It appears that substantial bets have been placed on the correct score. On being informed of the bookmakers' concerns, John Spencer, chairman of the WPBSA and a three-times world champion himself, watched every frame.

Spencer later announced that the inquiry will take place at the Grosvenor Hotel, Sheffield on Wednesday and that White and Francisco have been asked to attend.

Although no concrete figures are available as to the amount of money wagered, Graham Sharpe, a spokesman for William Hill, said that the liability was "nearer five figures than four".

Francisco, a 33-year-old from Cape Town, was involved in similar, if less high-profile allegations, after his 5-1 defeat by Silvino Francisco, his uncle, in the quarter-finals of the 1987 Mercantile Classic.

Some bookmakers also suspended betting before Silvino Francisco lost 5-1 to Terry Griffiths in the first round of the 1989 Benson and Hedges Masters. Scotland Yard conducted an investigation but Francisco, although arrested and placed on police bail, was not charged.

On first impression, it seems that White's lost confidence has been restored. Such a sizeable margin of victory should indicate that he is cueing sweetly and, more significantly, thinking confidently after the most barren season of his 15-year professional career.

However, it was a flattering scoreline in that, while White was prone to errors, Francisco played absymally and was vulnerable in every department. White, runner-up in the championship on six occasions and for the past five years, freely admitted that it was not his most memorable display. "Maybe I was too relaxed that I just couldn't score," he said. "I didn't feel any pressure."

Clive Everton, the BBC commentator, who watched the match, said: "From 2-2 Peter played appallingly for someone of his standard, but he is not the first player to make error upon error, miss a series of easy pots, lose position or even make questionable shot selections."

The widely held opinion that Ronnie O'Sullivan can supersede Stephen Hendry as the youngest world champion was reinforced by his impressive 10-3 first-round drubbing of Dave Harold, of Stoke, who stands at No 12 on the provisional world list.

Breaks of 80, 56, 80, 46, 111 and a 112 in the fourth frame, which consisted of 14 reds and 14 blacks, were the highlights as O'Sullivan swiftly built a 7-2 advantage. It was difficult not to feel sympathy for Harold, who himself had runs of 103 and 84 and committed fewer mistakes than the victorious White.

Even though the blue was awkwardly placed near a side cushion, O'Sullivan regarded it as a wasted opportunity to become only the third player to construct a 147 at the Crucible when he over-cut the fifteeth red in the fourth frame to a middle pocket.

With the £147,000 bonus on offer for a maximum in the televised phase of the championship, O'Sullivan did well not to allow the miss to adversely affect his concentration.

John Higgins surprisingly trailed Alan McManus 6-3 in the opening session of their first round match. A particularly painful blow was suffered by Higgins in the seventh frame when, from 0-57, McManus fashioned a 58 clearance to win on the black.

James Wattana, the No 3 seed, and Ken Docherty, the world No 7, were surprisingly beaten by qualifiers on Saturday. Wattana, unrecognisable as the player who retained his Thailand Open title in Bangkok last month, was beaten 10-8 by Gary Wilkinson and Doherty lost 10-7 to Mark Davis, the world No 65, from St Leonards-on-Sea.

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Tigers lose out again as Wembley dream is shattered

By Nicholas Harling

TO MISS out on Wembley once was unfortunate; to do so twice in successive years was almost unthinkable for the Thames Valley Tigers, whose absence from the Budweiser Championship basketball finals later this month means that the country's outstanding player, Steve Bucknall, will not have a chance of gracing Wembley Arena for the first time.

Bucknall collected 18 points on Saturday, but it was not enough to enable the Tigers, Budweiser League champions last year and runners-up this time, to end their season in the grand manner.

Beaten 85-81 by the holders, Worthing Bears, who had finished seventh in the league, it was hardly surprising that the Tigers looked a glum lot after the decisive third game between the clubs in front of a full house at Bracknell on Saturday.

The Tigers' coach, Mick Bett, refused to blame the shock departure, last week, of his club's second American, Gary Robb, for the upset: "If anything, Gary going may have helped us as it made it easier to rotate," Bett said. "It was a close game and it could have gone either way."

The lead did, in fact, change hands 31 times before the Bears pulled away in the final seconds to join Manchester Giants in the finals.

The Bears are now in a position to go for a third successive triumph, which, for Alan Cunningham, their player-coach, would represent a seventh successive victory.

Never one to conceal his personal highlights, Cunningham will be attempting an unbelievable record of eight personal play-off wins in Britain.

"I was with Team Jamieson in Ireland when they won," he said, "and I scored 48 points, collected 200 rebounds and downed a load of whiskey."

Forced to go to a third game by their over-time loss on Wednesday, the Bears made significant amends, but nobody set a worse example when it came to marksmanship than Cunningham himself, who had what he described as a "nightmare shooting game".

However, he more than made up for his lapses. "I tried to do a little more on the coaching side," he said, "and I took myself to the boards to grab a bundle of rebounds."

Colin Irish made up for Cunningham's off-shooting night with 24 points and Steve Nelson helped himself to 19 against his old club, which included five prodigious three pointers.

Sheffield not pressed to secure double

Sheffield Steelers	7
Edinburgh Racers	2

By Norman de Mesquita

SHEFFIELD Steelers added the British ice hockey championship to their premier division title with a convincing win over Edinburgh Racers at Wembley yesterday in a game that rarely reached the heights, mainly because of an over-fussy referee who gave far too many penalties, which meant that the teams were under strength for too much of the game.

The Steelers made the best possible start and, despite having a goal disallowed because the goal net had come adrift from its moorings, they led 2-0 at the end of the first period, the goals coming from Rob Wilson and Tommy Plommer only 24 seconds apart.

By midway through the second period, the Racers had drawn level and it seemed likely that the spectators were in for an enthralling contest, but the Steelers had regained their two-goal margin within four minutes and forged steadily ahead during the final period.

Although Tim Cranston was named their man of the match, it was really difficult to single out any one member of the Sheffield team as all made significant contributions to their success.

Racers were unable to find anything like the form they had shown in beating Nottingham Panthers in Saturday's semi-final and even Tony Hand, who was involved in six of their goals on Saturday, seemed out of sorts.

But for the heroics of Moray Hanson in the Edinburgh goal, Sheffield's winning margin might have been even greater.

While the game did not flow as freely as might have been hoped, it was, nevertheless, an entertaining afternoon and completed a Wembley weekend that more than made up for last year's disappointingly one-sided games.

The first semi-final, in which Sheffield and Cardiff Devils spent three periods and ten minutes of overtime battling to a 4-4 tie before the Steelers eventually won 7-4 on penalty shots, was an outstanding encounter.

There was plenty of flowing hockey, lots of body contact of the right sort and a referee who did not interrupt the action too often.

The Steelers, relieved to have come through that, no doubt benefited from the extra rest, having played their semi-final on Saturday afternoon rather than in the evening, which was the Racers' lot. But they were so much the better side that this could have played only a small part in their success.

SCORERS: Sheffield Steelers: R Wilson (2), T Plommer, T Cranston, K Priestley, L Mills, S Nemeth. Edinburgh Racers: T Hand, C Palmer.



Palmer, of Edinburgh, is sent flying by a challenge from Priestlay in yesterday's Wembley final. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Faldo moves in closer to leaders

By Our Sports Staff

NICK FALDO recorded a one-under-par round of 70 to move within three strokes of the leaders in the Heritage Classic, at Hilton Head Island, North Carolina on Saturday night. Faldo, who had a second-round 64, stands on 208, five under par. The lead is shared by Mark McCumber, David Edwards and Gene Sauers, all of the United States, and David Frost, of South Africa, on 205.

In the calm, perfect conditions of the seaside course, McCumber shot a third-round 64, while Edwards and Frost each recorded 66. Sauers, who shared the lead after the first round, returned a 69. Gil Morgan was one stroke short of the course record with a 62, which included a hole in one at the 7th. It took him into a group on 206, seven under par, with Tom Watson, Payne Stewart and Scott Hoch.

One stroke behind them is a group including Tom Lehman, Steve Lowery, Steve Jones, Peter Jacobsen, John Daly and Loren Roberts, all from the United States, and the US Open champion, Ernie Els, of South Africa.

Watson was astonished that his round of 68 made him a contender, but he had a theory about why the leaders had so much trouble on such a good scoring day: "I think the change in the weather, the lack of wind after two days of it, may have made the leaders a bit complacent and, if you get complacent here, this course can bite you real bad," he said.

"That is the great thing about this golf course. You cannot make mistakes and succeed here. You have to hit it straight, straight, straight and then make a few putts."

It was the formula the third-round leaders all used. McCumber missed just two greens, the smallest on the US PGA Tour, and made his only bogey when he missed the 17th green by five feet. Edwards missed the third green and had to sink an eight-foot putt for par. He then hit every green coming in and sank five putts for birdies.

Of the 78-strong field, 31 bettered 70 but they did not include Lehman. He started with a four-stroke lead, but dropped shots on the 1st and 9th holes. Then, on the 12th, he dropped two shots, another on the 13th and finally finished with a 75.

Gales hold up Price in chase for honours

CONFUSION reigned yesterday at the Catalonia Open in Girona, Spain, when gale-force winds, at times gusting to more than 50mph, forced play to be abandoned after 35 of the 71 golfers had completed their third rounds.

Play was halted at 2pm and the tournament director, Mike Stewart, then sent the 36 remaining golfers back on to the course after a five-hour delay. However, just as they were about to resume, the wind increased again and Stewart called the players in for a second time. The remainder of the third round will be played this morning with the fourth round being staged in the afternoon, weather permitting.

When play was stopped, Phillip Price, of Wales, the overnight leader at six under par, had played four holes with one birdie and one bogey and was still six under.

It left him one stroke ahead of Philip Walton, of Ireland, who, after beginning at two under, had advanced to five under. Walton completed six holes while Yorkshireman Howard Clark, playing with Price, had begun with four pars to remain at four under, two shots off the pace.

Price, Walton and Clark are out on their own, with Stuart Cage, Mark Davis, Wayne Riley and Andrew Coltart, all at one under on various parts of the course.

Joakim Haeggman, the Swedish Ryder Cup player, was more fortunate, going out early when the wind was not so strong, shot a course record 66. It left him on 216, level par for the tournament.

Dredge makes light of 12-stroke deficit

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

IN A year of centenary celebrations in Wales, it was appropriate that a son of the Principality should win the Duncan Putter at Southerndown yesterday. At the end of a long, cold afternoon, Bradley Dredge, his country's lone representative in the last Walker Cup team, won this 72-hole event by one stroke, the first Welsh winner since 1992.

The putter, after which this competition is named, is a blade type with a smooth, shiny, chromium-plated face. The shaft is wood and has some whipping a couple of inches up from the hosel. Further up the shaft are two marks the width of a stymie. The grip is an old leather one, as shiny as the seat of a worn pair of trousers. It looks impossible to use.

Dredge put in a remarkable sprint through the field on the second day. He was 12 strokes behind standing on the first tee in the morning, seven behind with one round remaining. His scores of 69 and 71 in the third and fourth rounds, when the weather became noticeably less pleasant, were good enough for victory in the competition in which he had finished runner-up last year.

He had looked to have played himself out of it when he took a 79 in his second round on Saturday. For one so good, it was a bizarre score, one that he struggled to explain even 24 hours later. Standing on the 4th tee, he was one under par. Coming off the 5th green, he was three over.

It took some character for him to come back the way he did yesterday morning. "I didn't actually hit the ball much better than I had the previous afternoon," Dredge said. "The difference was, I did not have any bad luck this time. My previous round was most peculiar. I struck the ball well and I putted well, but I just didn't have any luck."

Dredge's victory was a timely boost for Welsh golf and testimony to the value of the training that the national squad have put in already this year — four weekends at courses around South Wales and one week down in Portugal.

It will also be a boost for the confidence of a player expected to be bearing the weight of Welsh expectation when the Walker Cup is played at Royal Porthcawl in September.

The man whom Dredge overhauled so spectacularly was Yestyn Taylor. He had led by one stroke after the first round, six after 36 holes and four after 54, but he had an unfortunate 79, nine-over par in the fourth round, a litany of missed short putts.

Taylor came to the 18th needing a four to tie, but failed to get down in two from beyond a bunker 60 yards from the green.



Dredge plays a delicate approach shot yesterday

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European affairs undermine Rangers' domestic bliss

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

RANGERS have joy down to a fine art. So they should, given their incessant practice. At Ibrox yesterday, a seventh successive championship was acclaimed as Hibernian were beaten 3-1. The visitors became belated victims of the merriment, losing to goals by Ian Durrant and Alexei Mikhailichenko in the last four minutes.

The crowd, nonetheless, had really come to revel in the achievement of an entire season. By defeating Celtic 2-0 at Pittodrie on Saturday, Aberdeen had ensured that Rangers were champions.

There was a small rehearsal for the jubilation yesterday, when a few Rangers players gathered at Mark Hateley's house in Helensburgh to await the result from Aberdeen. Some may think it apt that a trophy should come to the team while it relaxed in the splendour of a listed building, for these footballers can appear to exist far above the strife and sweat of those at lesser clubs.

As the league titles accumulate at Ibrox, that suggestion is made annually, but the repetition can only infuriate Rangers. Too many limbs have been hurt and too many operations required for them ever to accept that they are engaged in a sedentary occupation. This championship really hurt.

With the exception of Brian Laudrup, there is scarcely a significant player at Ibrox who has not had to undergo surgery at some point. Only once, back in the autumn, has Walter Smith, the manager, had the luxury of fielding the same side in successive league matches.

Following Rangers introduces one to an immense range of medical knowledge. A degree in anatomy should come free with every season ticket. Smith, of course, would rather have been spared the education. The resources available to him have been cruelly depleted. Ally McCoist, for example, has scarcely played at all this season, while Hateley, the team's spearhead and figurehead, has, on average, only been available for two games in every three. Four goalkeepers have been needed.

In the circumstances, Rangers were entitled to be awash with satisfaction yesterday. Despite all the disruption, they have still been able to produce the sustained form that is a forgotten art to their rivals. The championship race, in effect, ceased with a sequence of 14 matches unbeaten that stretched from late October to early February.

This Rangers team is often disparaged. In the European Cup, it barely provided a distraction, let alone a challenge, to AEK Athens. In domestic football, the side was speedily removed from the Coca-Cola Cup and the Tennents Scottish Cup. There has often been a decided lack of glitter about the league matches, too. Rangers, however, must draw encouragement from the attainment of another title at a time of upheaval. Smith is gradually assembling a new team. There has even been room for an adventurous teenager, Charlie Miller, to establish himself in midfield.

Above all, the reconstruction has been made possible by one signing. While the various bits of the Rangers side are still being bolted together, the business of defeating domestic opposition can confidently be left to Laudrup. There had been much speculation that he would prove unsuited to the grind of Scottish football, but his enthusiasm has turned out to be as relentless as his skill. The Dane's ability has kept Rangers on course to better the record of nine successive championships, established by Celtic between 1966 and 1974. This issue matters intensely to each member of the Old Firm, but such achievements count for little in the larger world.

If the Celtic side of the Sixties enjoyed an international reputation, it was not for that glut of trophies. Indeed, the lack of widespread competition tends to see Scotland regarded, in football terms, as a banana republic. Celtic are remembered for winning the European Cup in 1967.

While league championships remain a delight, the vast Ibrox enterprise only makes sense if it is directed towards that same goal. Rangers are once again attempting to undergo the kind of refit that will equip them properly for Europe. According to David Murray, the chairman, Smith will now have up to £10 million to spend on new players. There have even been excitable rumours of an interest in Dennis Bergkamp, of Internazionale. When the crowd had at last departed yesterday, the manager's mind must have turned to the summer of phone calls, flight reservations and negotiations that lies ahead.

Strachan returns to revive fading Coventry

Coventry City 2
Sheffield Wednesday ... 0

BY MEL WEBB

GORDON STRACHAN may not be quite ready for a bus pass, a zimmer frame and a sustaining glass of tonic wine, but, at 38, he could have been forgiven for thinking that his playing days were no more than a glorious and fading memory. Yet here he was, the oldest swinger in town, cavorting around like a teenager and proving that class is no stranger to Anno Domini.

When Strachan announced his retirement in the first few days of this year, for three months he seemed to be keeping to his new year's resolution, leaving Leeds United and joining Ron Atkinson as his joint-assistant manager at Highfield Road.

Atkinson was given a simple yet challenging mandate when he joined Coventry in February. It was made clear that, if he kept the club in the FA Carling Premiership, it would be a job well done. There would be plenty of time for the fancy stuff later.

So where did Strachan come into all this? Simple. After two successive defeats, Coventry were beginning to look like a team on the slide and the time had come for some serious thought. "He said he reckoned he could do the job as well as one or two others and I told him he could do the job a damned sight better than anybody," Atkinson said after Strachan had orchestrated a victory that put Coventry back on stream for the comfort of a mid-table place.

So back he came, to a great cheer of approval from the Coventry faithful. It was as though he had never been away as he ran, tackled, passed, chivvied and inspired Coventry to win what they saw as probably their most important single game in the run-in to the end of the season.

"The circumstances were right to come back," he said. "It was a gamble and it could have been embarrassing for me, but I couldn't have looked at myself in the mirror if I hadn't played and we had lost.

"I didn't do this to prove I can still play football. I did it because the most important thing right now is to keep Coventry City in the Premiership. I felt some of the younger players were being put under tremendous pressure, so I offered to help out."

Help out he did, and more, although a headed goal in the third minute by Dublin and another two minutes from the end by the impressive Ndlovu did no justice to long periods of domination enjoyed by Wednesday in between.



Strachan: inspired

The next big test for Coventry will come when they visit Nottingham Forest this afternoon. Will Strachan be there again? "I just don't know," he said, looking 38 for the first time all afternoon. "Right now, I've got cramp up to my ears. Really, I want to get out as soon as possible so that the youngsters can enjoy what I've been enjoying for the last 23 years. I'll just have to see how the old body feels."

Atkinson tried to play the question in a minor key: "I should think he'll be on oxygen until Monday," he said — but he was not beyond joining the chorus of praise for his copper-headed maestro. "I don't remember him wasting a ball in the whole game. It was a bit worrying out there at times — he kept passing to our side."

By now, Strachan had hobbled off to sign autographs for youngsters who had been pushed forward by fathers younger than himself. He had not been embarrassed, far from it. What could possibly be embarrassing about being the best player on the pitch?

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Ogrizovic — A Pickering, S Pressley, B Borrows, D Burrows — G Strachan (sub: M Hall, 90min), K Richardson, P Cook, P Ndlovu — D Dublin, R Wegerle (sub: J Williams, 82). SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): C Woods — D Petrescu (sub: C Waddle, 45), A Pearce, D Walker, P Atherton — G Hyde, J Sheridan, K Ingesson (sub: C Bart-Williams, 68), J Nolan, — D Hirst, G Whittingham.
Referee: G Willard.

Bull's eye for goal proves in vain as eager Charlton triumph in tactical battle

Taylor's tinkering keeps Wolves in the pack

Simon Barnes on a 3-2 defeat that leaves Wanderers worrying over play-off place



Bull, who scored with two headers, holds off Balmer to shoot past Ammann. This effort by the Wolverhampton striker was disallowed. Photograph: André Camara

The closing minutes of a 3-2 game are fraught. Goals are in the mood of the day and every kick seems to matter twice as much as the kick before. It is the same with the closing days of a season.

Desperate times, desperate men — and there was a spookily familiar feeling about it all at The Valley on Saturday in this Endsleigh Insurance League first division game. Enter Graham Taylor, manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, grining hard and rubbing his hands together. As he always has done in these defensive encounters with the press, he carried his shoulders hunched up around his ears. He was just about to explain his reasons for yet another Napoleonic change of plan and also, of course, why it didn't actually work.

"Charlton sussed us out and outmanoeuvred us in the first half," he said. Didn't they do that a bit in the second as well, Graham? But the Taylor monologue is, as ever, unstemmable. There was an odd moment in the middle of it all, though, when he stopped calling his players "we" and started saying "they". Managers just don't do that.

Two pretty desperate sides produced a belter of a game, that much must be said. Charlton began it on the fringes of the relegation zone, Wolverhampton in the middle of the promotion scrap. Charlton's win makes them more or less safe: Wolverhampton's defeat leaves them still fretting. Will they, or will they not, get an invitation to the Desperation Ball; that is to say, to the pain and madness of the play-offs?

Taylor's master-plan on Saturday was based on a triple centre back system and outnumbering Charlton in midfield. Charlton answered the question with another question: what midfield? They sent a series of little dinks over the top for the front men. The tactic, and the cheery spirit of their play, gave them an early lead as Whyte volleyed in Robson's free kick.

Tactical tip: you can try any system you like at Wolverhampton as long as it ends up in a cross for Bull. He seems to have been at Wolverhampton for a century and he must have the neck muscles of, well, a bull, what else?

Crack. Just before half-time, after a cross from Cowans, Bull did the rest, with his head. He is one of those players who probably heads penalties.

It is a fine thing, to see two teams convinced they can win a game of football, but, as the sides went at each other as the second half began, it was Charlton who did the winning. Walsh rounded off a sweet move by tucking the ball away and then Mortimer broke clean through Taylor's rejigged defence — now a flat back four — and finished terrifically.

"We can't consistently come back from a three-goal deficit," Taylor said, for Wolverhampton's defence seems happiest of late in colander formation, "but I'll say this: whatever errors they make, they try to make it up at the other end."

Guess how? Cowans's corner, Bull's header. Crack. Bull has now scored 200 league goals for Wolverhampton and looks to have a good few more in the tank, even at 30.

That goal set up a wonderfully intense last quarter, with great stops from both goalkeepers and both sides crazy to score again. In such situations, there is always a crucial moment. This one came when Ammann, in the Charlton goal, palmed a cross down to Wright, the Wolverhampton substitute, rather like a rugby union forward winning ball at a lineout. It was good ball, too: the ball sat up, the goal yawned and Wright's shot curled violently into the stands. Do I not like that.

As usual, Taylor's team has been marred by dreadful inconsistencies in selection, but it is not his fault: injuries to Froggatt, Daley, Thomas, Shirtliff and De Wolf have placed the side and the season firmly into the not-quite-good-enough category.

They cannot win the one spot for automatic promotion without the failures of others. The play-offs beckon, with all the uncertainties of cup football, only worse. But all the same, if I were Taylor, my tactical thinking would be pretty Bullish.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2): M Ammann — S Brown, R Rufus, S Balmer, J Stuart — M Robson (sub: S Newton, 90min), A Pardew, C Walsh, P Mortimer — D Whyte, C Leaburn.
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stowell — D Richards, P Shirtliff (sub: J Wright, 46), S Lee — M Rankine, D Goodman, G Cowans, M Venus, J Smith (sub: P Blades, 77) — D Kelly, S Bull.
Referee: A D'Urso.

Woking home in on Trophy final

Woking 2
Rushden and Diamonds 0

(WOKING WIN 2-1 ON AGG)
BY WALTER GAMMIE

WOKING and Kidderminster Harriers ensured that the Umbro FA Trophy final, at Wembley on May 14, will remain a Vauxhall Conference preserve for the fifth year running when they came through the second legs of their semi-finals on Saturday.

While Kidderminster's 2-0 advantage from the first leg enabled them to progress despite a 1-0 defeat on the plastic pitch of Hyde United, of the UniBond League, Woking, the holders, had to overturn a 1-0 deficit from their trip to Rushden and Diamonds, of the Beazer Homes League, the week before.

Only three times in 22 years of two-legged semi-finals in the Trophy had clubs recovered after losing the first leg. Undaunted, Woking comfortably extended the roll-call with goals in either half from Kevin Rattray and Clive Walker.

Woking looked far more secure than the previous week. Kevan Brown, their captain, having — to his club's surprise and relief — escaped a fracture of his cheekbone in tangling with Nuttell, the abrasive Rushden forward, in the first contest, anchored a solid defensive display in which Lloyd Wye also excelled.

The outstanding performer, however, was Mark Tucker. He dealt capably with the aerial threat of Nuttell, although he confessed his eyes nearly fell out when Rushden then sent on Flower, even taller and potentially more awkward, as a final fling.

Rattray, an all-action midfield player, scored with a fine volley from Crumplin's cross in the eighteenth minute, which was early enough to ensure that Woking did not forsake the pleas for patience from Geoff Chapple, their manager.

Crumplin, with a touch of genius, rescued his side after half-time, when Mann's chip cleared Batty, hooking the ball clear and going head over heels into the net, where he lay entangled, as helpless as a fish.

The winner, in the 67th minute, was fashioned by an adroit first-time ball by Steele and finished with great poise by Walker, 38 next month but still master of a wonderful repertoire of skills that makes him the focal point of Woking's attack.

WOKING (5-3-2): L Batty — J Crumplin, K Brown, C Fielder, M Tucker, L Wye — K Rattray, A Ellis, S Steele — C Walker, D Hay.
RUSHDEN AND DIAMONDS (4-4-2): M Davies — D Keast, A Peaks, G Butterworth, D Johnson (sub: J Flower, 81min) — I King, S Spooner, P York, D Collins (sub: A Mann, 46) — M Nuttell, D Watkins.
Referee: C Wilkes.

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Petulant Birmingham crave leading role

Birmingham City 2
Cardiff City 1

BY OLIVER HOLT

IT IS a terrible thing to know beyond doubt that your team is too good for the division it is playing in. The players and supporters of Birmingham City labour under that burden, but, in their play and gestures, and the impatience of their demeanour, they are heightening the possibility of alienating themselves from what they see as their divine right to compete in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division next season.

Bewilderment, rather than disappointment, was etched on the faces of the home side when Cardiff City showed the audacity to take the lead at a packed St Andrew's — Cardiff, for pity's sake, are in the relegation zone. "It was a fluke goal," Mark Ward, the Birmingham player-coach, said.

The offending strike, in the fourteenth minute, was far from fortuitous. Millar controlled the ball from a clearance 40 yards out and, with the wind at his back and Bennett in the Birmingham goal ten yards off his line, the Cardiff man struck a shot that looped into the net.

Cue the amateur theatrics from Birmingham: every time a half-chance went begging, the players stamped their feet in frustration and waved their hands in despair. When a goal from Otto was disallowed because of a dubious offside decision, Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, ran on to the touchline to upbraid the linesman and then crawled back to his dugout on all fours.

The pressure on Birmingham to succeed is intense, however, and would crush many a team. A premature glamour has built up around St Andrew's that can only find fulfilment in the upper echelons of football and failure to gain promotion from the second division this season is simply not seen as an option. In many ways, the majority of the players are too good for the division, but that does not necessarily mean they are good enough to go up.

Brentford and Huddersfield Town, their main rivals for the one automatic promotion place, were both held to draws on Saturday and Birmingham, their frustration having reached a peak when Claridge tried to shoo the Cardiff trainer off the pitch for trying to treat an injured player, eventually tuned in to their destiny by reining in Cardiff and sneaking ahead of them with a penalty from Ward two minutes from time.

The win, which leaves them in second position, a point adrift of Huddersfield, was achieved largely through the skills of the diminutive Portuguese, Dominguez, on the left wing. He bemused the defence with his twists and turns and, after Tait had equalised, it was Dominguez who was fouled in the area to bring about that crucial penalty.

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-3-3): I Bennett — G Poole, D Barnett, L Daish, G Cooper — M Ward, R Otto (sub: L Donowa, 83min), P Tait (sub: J Hunt, 65) — J Dominguez, S Claridge, P Williams.
CARDIFF CITY (4-4-2): S Williams — D Brazil, L Baddeley, J Perry (sub: S Young, 79), D Searle — N Wigg, P Millar, N Richardson, C Griffith — T Bird, C Dale.
Referee: K Lynch.

Rovers build revival on shaky foundations

Keith Pike sees unassuming Doncaster make clear their play-off ambitions with a crushing 5-0 win at Scunthorpe

THEY seem to have been on the brink of extinction for ever, their ground is decaying and, as if to rub their noses in it, their rugby league cousins have just been elevated to Super League status. That is something Doncaster Rovers Football Club will never aspire to — but do not rule out a place in the second division.

Even in the basement of the Endsleigh Insurance League, they do not come any more impoverished or less glamorous than Rovers, but it was not a misprint, they *did* win 5-0 away from home on Saturday and they *are* very much in the hunt for a third division play-off place. A little local difficulty turned into a large derby humiliation for Scunthorpe United, who had never been beaten so heavily at Glanford Park. Their own play-off ambitions receded with each goal joyously thumped past Samways.

Even Sammy Chung was a trifle bemused. "I think we caught Scunthorpe on a bad day," the eternally youthful Doncaster manager said. Indeed. Doncaster did get the rub of the green — Scunthorpe had two cast-iron penalty appeals rejected before being granted a third at 1-0 down, which Bullimore promptly missed — and Doncaster's final goal was a hoot. Bullimore's clearing volley rebounding off the referee's head into the path of Norbury, who gleefully completed a hat-trick.

Away wins on this scale are not lucky, though. Doncaster defended expertly, broke decisively and finished emphatically. Criticised in the early weeks of the season for being unambitious, too long-ball, they now kept three in attack even when the points were secure and passed the ball with relish. It was an outstanding performance from a side jeered off the field after a 2-0 home defeat against Walsall seven days earlier.

If they can avoid defeat today in another derby, at home to Chesterfield, the team in second place, Doncaster have a relatively simple run-in — their last three opponents are in the bottom half of the table — on which to capitalise. A place in the play-offs would be a wonderful achievement for Chung, who is not in a position to refuse half-decent offers for half-decent performers, and has sold his six best players on to greater things this season. It is a fact of life for managers of third division clubs. "It has made the club £600,000 and meant two mid-season rebuilding jobs, but there's no point whinging about it," Chung said.

Ahead through Norbury against the run of play, Doncaster ran riot with three goals in nine minutes either side of half-time. Warren and Harper punished dismal Scunthorpe defending and, if Norbury's third was farcical, his second came at the end of a move that belonged to a much higher level of football than this.

SCUNTHORPE UNITED (4-4-2): M Samways — I Thompstone (sub: R Bradley, 63min), A Kell, C Hope, M Smith — G Alexander, L Turnbull, W Bullimore, S Thornber (sub: S Young, 58) — N Gregory, A Kaczmarek.
DONCASTER ROVERS (4-3-3): D Williams — R Kirby, R Wilcox, W Hackett, S Maskell — P Williams, L Warren, J Schofield — M Norbury, S Harper, G Jones (sub: K Hoy, 79).
Referee: G Singh.

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Sharpe inspires Ferguson's young team to reduce deficit in the Premiership race

Divided city united by gathering of champions



Rob Hughes on the qualities and passions engendered by Leicester's afternoon of sporting excellence

SELDOM has Leicester been in danger of being designated an historic sporting city. On Saturday it was. For there, in stadiums less than 150 yards apart, teams were doing their best to shape the destiny of the 1995 league championships in association football and rugby union.

At Welford Road, with an audience of 17,000 crammed into the stands, the Tigers of Leicester beat Bath virtually to assure the home city of the Courage Clubs Championship. At Filbert Street, despite the fact that Leicester City are already known to have dropped a division, another capacity crowd, 21,281, was drawn as an act of faith, and a quest of curiosity, to see whether Manchester United could be made to weaken their grip on their FA Carling Premiership crown on Easter weekend.

United, of course, were unobliging. They trounced City 4-0, it could have been more, and we were watching the youth of Manchester United, four players straight up from their schooling grounds, toying with the Leicester foxes, running them to ground with a relish.

But, more curious still, was the deployment of the Leicestershire Constabulary. It took four officers and a sergeant to keep the peace at Welford Road; 170 policemen were in the streets around Filbert Street. And the fact that the day was so peaceful that neither deployment was strictly necessary could not alter the vast social difference that exists between the two codes.

For the supporters passed each other like strangers. In the rugby union ground, packed to the skies, they sat before the kick-off in silent contemplation, while a brief walk away one was greeted with the blare of pop music, interspersed with the acknowledgement of sponsors.

And yet it is football, the round-ball version, that attracts so many millions, it is Manchester United, the champions for the past two seasons, who because of their great flair and their indiscipline, divide the passions as never before.

Leicester City happen to be managed by Mark McGhee, a player under Alex Ferguson when Ferguson lifted Aberdeen to European heights. McGhee is now something of a prodigy, a young manager who lifts the phone at the training ground and receives the soothing words of advice from Ferguson who, in McGhee's playing days, had thrown cups and other things at him in exasperation. So McGhee would try to deprive Ferguson of his trophy?

Try Leicester did, for 15 minutes. In that time they were bright, their football born of the relaxation of knowing their fate was already decided. The ball was stroked along the ground, and Mark Draper, a playmaker good enough to step into Manchester United or any English team, provided a rhythm that at first looked beyond his adversary, Ince. And in that time Schmeichel was twice forced into spectacular saves, one from Draper himself, the other from a 25-yard shot by the defender, Willis.

It would be wrong to suggest Draper tired. He strove manfully on, his bald head a quite false impression of this energetic 24-year-old who has missed ten matches in seven seasons through injury. And Draper, catching the eye of Ferguson and many others, will be in the Premiership next season. Only the colours that he will wear are yet to be determined.

Nevertheless, he was overwhelmed. Sharpe, in particular, was leading the United dance. They found increasing space against a Leicester team that McGhee admitted "sat back and allowed them to score ... it's symptomatic of why our fate has been sealed, and I shall be spending the summer looking for at least two players who fight the way some of the United team fight".

The goals took just over half an hour to consume Leicester, and that long because Andy Cole, perhaps thinking of the game at Welford Road, preferred putting the ball over the bar to under it.

It had to be Sharpe who scored first. Neville took another of his long throws, Pallister flicked the ball on at the near post and, after Cole had spectacularly tried, and spectacularly missed, an attempted overhead, Sharpe ran the ball in with a rapier's thrust from the left.

It was 2-0 on the stroke of half-time. Sharpe, as well as Irwin and McClair, were the creators. Cole scored from a range that it would have been impossible to clear the bar from: he was two feet from the line, just as he was in the 52nd minute when he scored again, capitalising on a powerful header by Bruce after a corner.

Cole is still a magpie, still following his instincts to get into positions to steal goals. And while the crowd teased him for his missed opportunities, they surely could see that here is a young man of in-born courage to try and try again, and of the intuition to place himself where those "easy" goals come.

Yet it was not Cole's afternoon. It was the youth of Manchester that thrilled Ferguson.

Nicky Butt, 20, performed one body swerve, dumping Whitlow on the seat of his pants, that alone was testimony to the quality being bred at the Cliff. Neville, 20, at right back, was a quality performer throughout, a defender with time on the ball, with adventure to move down the flank, with the opportunity to claim the senior shirt even when some of the United injured return.

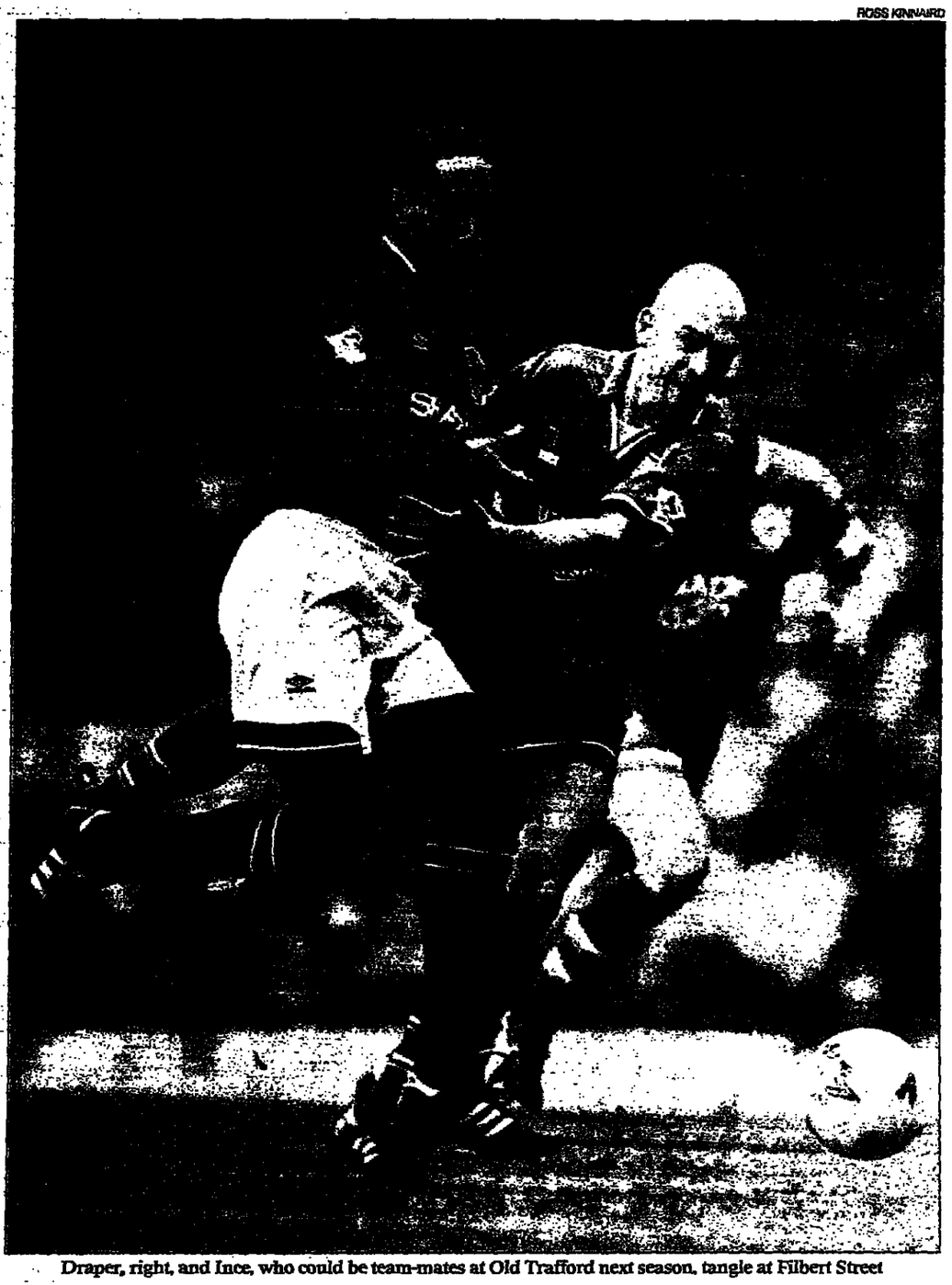
Paul Scholes, 20, and David Beckham, 19, made up the quartet. They also made up their own version of thrilling interplay in the ninetieth minute of the match, exchanging passes before putting Ince, to them as old as Father Time, in for the fourth goal.

Ultimately, Manchester United earned the respect of a Leicester crowd that had come to mock them. However, the biggest cheer of the afternoon came when the neon lights of the scoreboard flashed the result from Welford Road. Brothers, not strangers, after all, under the skin.

LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K Poole — S Grayson (sub: M Blake, 55min), C Hill, J Wells, M Whitlow — S Lawrence, M Draper, G Poster, D Lowe (sub: B Carey, 74) — I Roberts, M Robins.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — B McClair, N Butt, P Ince, L Sharpe (sub: D Beckham, 45) — M Hughes (sub: P Scholes, 55), A Cole.
Referee: M Bodenham

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ROSS KINNAIRD



Draper, right, and Ince, who could be team-mates at Old Trafford next season, tangle at Filbert Street

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Blackburn	37	83	+43	DWWWD
2	Manchester Utd	37	77	+46	DLWDW
3	Notts Forest	38	67	+25	WWWDW
4	Newcastle	37	67	+21	WLDWL
5	Liverpool	36	64	+29	DWWWL
6	Leeds	37	60	+16	LDWWD
7	Tottenham	36	58	+10	WDLWD
8	QPR	37	53	+2	WLWWL
9	Wimbledon	37	52	-15	WWWDL
10	Arsenal	38	46	0	LWLLW
11	Sheffield Wed	38	46	-10	LLLWL
12	Coventry	37	46	-15	DWLLW
13	Southampton	38	45	-5	WWLWW
14	Chelsea	37	45	-7	LDDLW
15	Manchester City	37	43	-10	WLLLW
16	Aston Villa	37	43	-2	DLWDL
17	Everton	36	42	-8	LDWLW
18	Norwich	38	42	-14	WLLLL
19	West Ham	38	41	-8	DDWDW
20	Crystal Palace	38	39	-10	WLWDD
21	Leicester	38	24	-35	LLWLL
22	Ipswich	37	23	-53	LLLLL

Weekly change ▲ Up = Stayed the same ▼ Down

Rovers follow pragmatic route to riches

Leeds United 1
Blackburn Rovers 1

BY PETER BALL

BLACKBURN Rovers took a small but significant step closer to the FA Carling Premiership title at Elland Road on Saturday. It might have been a giant stride, only an equaliser deep into stoppage time denying them victory.

Even so, the draw meant that Blackburn had taken seven points out of nine from three potentially hazardous away games — championship form indeed. "In fever terms, they had their crisis at Everton," Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, said. "At Queens Park Rangers, they were reasonably controlled. Today, they were controlled.

"They came here to a full stadium, they knew there was a pace which would make it very difficult for us to win the game and they managed to maintain that pace. They passed and controlled the ball.

"This result was very important for them, given their programme from here on in." Tonight, Manchester City are the visitors to Ewood Park, followed by Crystal Palace on Thursday. By the end of the week, Blackburn's first championship since 1914 could be a foregone conclusion.

It is a romantic tale, but there is nothing romantic about their football. "Boring, boring Blackburn," the Leeds supporters chanted. "Are you Arsenal in disguise?" An apt analogy, if an ironic one given Leeds's own history of "professionalism". How has Kenny Dalglish, who bought not the best Liverpool team of modern times but certainly the most attractive — the glorious team of Barnes, Beardsley, Houghton and Aldridge — been converted to such pragmatism?

On Saturday, there was more enterprising football in the five minutes at Filbert Street before Manchester United's first goal against Leicester City than there was in the full 90 minutes at Elland Road. The only moment that Yeboah got free from a marker was when he picked up the player-of-the-month award before the start. Flowers made one real save all afternoon and Lukic did not make even one as Blackburn throttled the life out of Leeds, and the game.

However, if it was poor fare to set before Leeds's largest crowd of the season, the performance was admired by the professionals. "People can walk away and say, 'Not a good game', but you've got to appreciate the power, the pace, the amount of physical effort that goes into a game like that," Lukic said.

Lukic has played in two championship-winning teams, at Arsenal and Leeds, and saw the resemblances. "All they're doing now is carving out results and that's the sign of a good team," he said. "They are a good side, resilient, powerful, well-organised, but they have pace and inventiveness, too. When we won the championship at Arsenal, and here, you set your stall out, you had a way of playing. There's other things that go on on the periphery, but if push comes to shove, you've always got something to go back to.

"That's what they did today. They've denied us space to play, they've got behind the ball when they've had to and they've made it very, very difficult."

Push not only came to shove, but to tugs as well. "They work very hard," Wilkinson said. "In the second half, you could see people making runs back after they'd run forward. It's easy to run forward, not so easy to run back. You can see the sort of pain that is necessary. You can make life very difficult for a team if you work that hard.

"I'm talking about full backs making long overlaps, not getting it and sprinting back. About wingers, about strikers, chasing people and using their arms and a gentle tug and a push and a shove. You're talking about ten out of ten for effort, instead of nine or maybe eight-and-a-half out of ten. It makes a big difference."



Hendry: unfortunate

It looked likely to ensure that the impressive Colin Hendry's goal on the stroke of half-time would, undeservedly, give them all three points. Instead, as the clock ran out, the unfortunate Hendry got the final touch when Deane headed on from a corner to deflect the ball past Flowers.

Leeds celebrated their point so wildly it looked as if they had won the championship, but they had an even bigger incentive. If they do not qualify for Europe, Leslie Silver, their chairman, promised them a summer in the Inter-Toto Cup. "That's the biggest incentive to qualify for Europe there is," Wilkinson said.

LEEDS UNITED (4-5-1): J Lukic — G Kelly, J Pemberton, D Wetherall, A Dorigo — R Wallace (sub: N Whelan, 63min), C Palmer, G McAllister, G Speed, B Deane — A Yeboah.
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, I Pearce, C Hendry, G Le Saux — J Kenna, T Sherwood, M Atkins, S Ripley — A Shearer, C Sutton.
Referee: G Poll.

Country cousins take another step to safety

Southampton 2
Queens Park Rangers 1

BY ALYSON RUDD

ALAN BALL, the Southampton manager, said he was delighted, but he did not sound it. He spoke of the moon, but he was not over it. The topsy-turvy world that is the bottom half of the FA Carling Premiership is a boon to those adept at mental arithmetic and purveyors of anti-depressants — it also keeps attendances bobbing along nicely.

Yet it puts managers under intolerable pressure and threatens the survival of what Ball calls "the lovely clubs" — those small but skilful sides regarded almost as country cousins by the Premiership giants. "The chairmen of the big clubs want to be on that ship to go to the moon and leave the rest behind," Ball added, expressing his fear of the wealthy few moving into an elite new stratosphere.

You can see his point. With four clubs destined for the drop, Southampton and the other "lovely clubs" have suffered a season of speculation.

Instead of simply lapping up the silk and sloth of Le Tissier, the antics of Grobbelaar and the fleeting flirtation with Ekelund, the real obsession has been with whether Southampton — never higher than seventh and frequently lower than sixteenth — will stay in the Premiership.

Fear of failure, in most walks of life, results in stilted, sterile mediocrity. It is to the credit of those smaller clubs, Southampton in particular, that they never stopped trying to play the more beautiful version of the game.

On Saturday, neither side quite drew gasps of delight but there was sufficient quality on show for any examiner to give Ball's side a Premiership pass mark. Alas, there is no continuous assessment option in the Premiership. It is results alone that count.

Some fairly poor Queens Park Rangers defending sent the result Southampton's way. Shipperley was free to head the home side into the lead from Le Tissier's corner in the fiftieth minute. Ferdinand equalised 13 minutes later, but Roberts's failure to hold Magilton's shot left Watson with an easy tap-in for the three points.

It was victory on one of Le Tissier's quiet days and Rangers did not even try to mark him out of the game. If Southampton can lift themselves without his inspiration, they will be in better shape for the short, sharp slog ahead.

The London club, meanwhile, have hauled themselves out of the slog zone and are in what Ray Wilkins, their manager, refers to as a "pleasant situation". Indeed, their situation would be even more pleasant if they could be sure of holding onto Sinclair and Ferdinand. Such talents, however, are likely to be tempted by the moon.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): D Beasant — J Dodd, R Hall, K Monkou, S Charlton — M Le Tissier, T Widdrington, J Magilton, N Heaney — G Watson (sub: P Berry, 89min), N Shipperley.
QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): A Roberts — D Bardsley, K Ready, D Maddix, R Brevett — T Sinclair, S Hodge, C Wilson, A Impey (sub: R Wilkins, 78) — R Gilles (sub: G Penrice, 84), L Ferdinand.
Referee: P Jones.

Stein adds rare touch of class

Pat Gibson feels the tension at Stamford Bridge as Chelsea labour to beat Aston Villa 1-0

PREMIERSHIP football? It is more like snakes and ladders, but without quite the same level of skill and artistry, judging from the way Chelsea climbed up one place and Aston Villa slipped down four at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

The awful thought is that there is going to be much more of the same in the FA Carling Premiership with 11 teams rattling the dice and hoping to shake out enough points to avoid joining Ipswich Town and Leicester City in the Endsleigh Insurance League next season.

Brian Little, the Aston Villa manager, admitted as much afterwards. "The nature of it at the moment suggests that there will still be quite a few things at stake on the last day of the season," he said. "It is too tight for it not to be any other way and it's difficult to go out and entertain when you're under pressure."

No team is under more pressure than Chelsea. This was their third game in six days. Today, they meet Manchester United at Old Trafford and on Thursday they will try to overcome a 3-0 deficit against Real Zaragoza at Stamford Bridge in the second leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final.

In the circumstances, you had to admire their energy and commitment, which were epitomised by Sinclair, who moved from full back when Kjeldbjerg had to leave the field on the half-hour with a torn hamstring and proceeded to perform heroics at the heart of the defence.

Sinclair was the man of the match, although the match-winner was Stein, who produced a touch of class that was quite out of keeping with the rest of the game to give Chelsea their first home victory in the Premiership since October.

Furlong set up the goal, four minutes before half-time, with a clever pass from Hall's throw-in and the diminutive Stein was onto it instantly to send Teale floundering first one way and then the other before rifling his shot past Bosnich as two more defenders closed in on him.

"I think it was a good goal from their point of view, but it was very disappointing from ours," Little said, and it was easy to see why. He had picked three central defenders to protect against just such an eventuality and, once they had been found wanting, he always feared the worst.

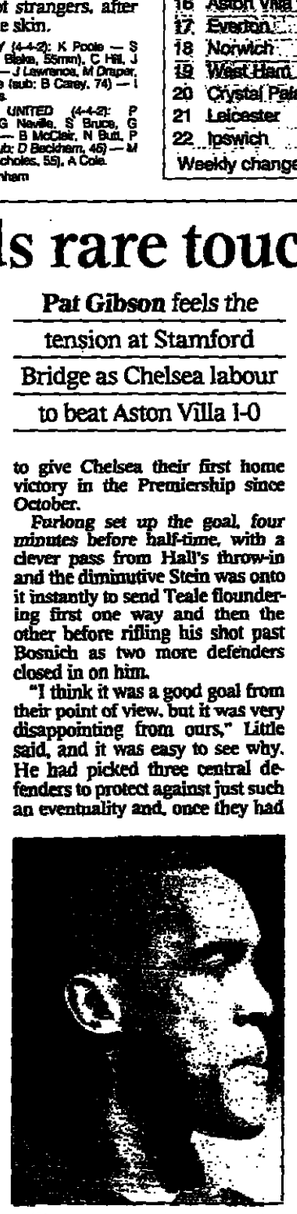
"When they scored, you just got the feeling that one goal might win it," he said. "We had a lot of territorial advantage in the second half, a lot of free kicks and corners, but we never put in the right sort of delivery to give them any sort of problem.

"Sometimes you sit in the dressing-room after a match like that and think to yourself 'how have we lost?' " he added, before promptly answering his own question in the simplest terms possible. "We have got guys who are capable of scoring goals but are not scoring goals."

Saunders is one of them and although he ran his heart out in the face of constant barracking from the Chelsea supporters, who still blame him for the injury which ended the career of Elliott, the club's former centre half, he made a complete mess of his shot when Clarke's weak back pass put him clear.

That was typical of Villa's finishing. The fact is that they have now scored only one goal, an own goal at that, in six matches and, with Chelsea disinclined to make another donation, there was such an air of desperation about their frenzied second-half play that in the end even Bosnich, the goalkeeper, went up to join the attack. Perhaps he should play at centre forward when the next roll of the dice is made.

CHELSEA (4-4-2): D Kharine — S Clarke, J Kjeldbjerg (sub: G Hall, 30min), E Johnsen, F Sinclair — D Rocastle, D Lee, N Spackman, G Peacock — M Stein (sub: J Spencer, 81), P Furlong.
ASTON VILLA (5-3-2): M Bosnich — I Taylor, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, S Teale, A Wright (sub: G Ferkon, 81) — D Yorke, A Townsend, S Staunton — D Saunders, D Atkinson (sub: T Johnson, 74).
Referee: K Burge.



Stein: match-winning goal

Ipswich's fall allows Wright to prosper

Arsenal 4
Ipswich 1

BY IVO TENNANT

IF YOU are required to play five important matches in 12 days, as, quite absurdly, Arsenal are having to do, then it is as well that Ipswich Town are among your opponents. Relegated the previous evening, Ipswich had no stomach for any kind of contest on Saturday, let alone one in which they would be taking on desperados.

Thus was the scoreline given a false perspective. Ian Wright scored his first league goal for three months, his first hat-trick of the season and made Merson's opening goal with a dexterous back-heel, but he knows, and everyone knows, how much Ipswich need to stiffen their resolve.

This was far from an attractive fixture and yet Arsenal were watched by as many as 36,818, not far short of their optimum crowd. On Easter Saturday, when numerous Londoners take wing, this represents a remarkable loyalty, which, in one way or another, has not been demonstrated among the officers of the club this season.

With Ipswich, the scenario has long been markedly different. Ipswich have never had crowds or money to match and yet a contretemps between their directors and manager is unthinkable. Or, at least, it was when George Burley first played for the club as a 17-year-old full back under Bobby Robson.

The days when the Cobbold family produced larger gin and tonics in defeat than in victory may be over, but Burley, understandably, is reckoning on being given more time to manage than he would at many another club. "In years gone by, we competed through coming up with good-quality young players and that's what we have to do now we have been relegated," he said.

Nevertheless, there is always the temptation to fall back on the likes of Chapman, as happened here. Hardly given a rousing welcome on his return to Highbury as a substitute, his was an impossible task. By then, Ipswich had not achieved a corner, let alone a goal. Indeed, they had conceded four.

As for Wright's hat-trick, his first goal was volleyed in when the ball dropped kindly for him in the penalty area. His second was a stooping header when it would have been easier not to score and his third the result of a dreadful back pass by Mathie. Wright's initial chip was parried by Baker before he sidestepped the goalkeeper to score with some ease.

So, Wright will gain better hat-tricks than this. His back-heel for Merson, who gained visibly in confidence when his cross-shot eluded Baker, was an altogether more memorable moment. Ipswich did ultimately manage a goal through Marshall, but it consoled them little.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn (sub: R Parlour, 71min) — P Merson, M Keown, S Schwarz, G Helder — I Wright (sub: C Kiwomya, 82), J Henson.
IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Baker — M Stockwell, F Yallop, S Palmer, K Ellis (sub: S Milton, 82) — D Linighan, G Williams, C Thomsen, S Slater — I Marshall, A Mathie (sub: L Chapman, 80).
Referee: T Holbrook.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

ARSENAL (1) 4 IPSWICH TOWN (0) 1
Merson 33
Wright 47, 50, 56
Marshall 71
36,816

Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn (sub: R Parlour, 71min), P Merson, M Ketsbaia, S Schwarz, G Helder, I Wright (sub: C Kiwomya, 82), J Hartson.
Booked: Keown, Hartson.
Ipswich Town: C Baker, M Stockwell, F Yallop, S Palmer, K Ellis (sub: S Milton, 82), D Linighan, G Williams, C Thomsen, S Slater, I Marshall, A Mathie (sub: L Chapman, 60).
Referee: T Holbrook.

CHELSEA (1) 1 ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Stein 41
17,015

Chelsea: D Kharine, S Clarke, J Kjeldbjerg (sub: G Hall, 30min), E Johnsen, F Sinclair, D Rocastle, D Lee, N Spackman, G Peacock, M Stein (sub: J Spencer, 81), P Furlong.
Booked: Furlong, Rocastle.
Aston Villa: M Bosnich, I Taylor, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, S Teale, A Wright (sub: G Fenton, 81), D Yorke, A Townsend, S Staunton, D Saunders, D Atkinson (sub: T Johnson,74).
Booked: McGrath.
Referee: K Burge.

COVENTRY CITY (1) 2 SHEFFIELD WED (0) 0
Dublin 3
Ndlovu 86
15,710

Coventry City: S Ogrizovic, A Pickering, S Pressley, B Borrows, D Borrows, B Strachan (sub: M Hall, 90min), K Richardson, P Cook, P Ndlovu, D Dublin, R Wegerle (sub: J Williams, 82).
Booked: Borrows.
Sheffield Wednesday: C Woods, D Petrescu (sub: C Waddle, 45), A Pearce, D Walker, P Atherton, G Hyde, J Sheridan, A Ingesson (sub: C Bart-Williams, 66), I Nolan, D Hirst, G Whittingham.
Booked: Nolan, Hyde.
Referee: G Willard.

LEEDS UNITED (0) 1 BLACKBURN RVRS (1) 1
Deane 90
39,426
Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, J Pemberton, D Wetherall, A Dorigo, R Wallace (sub: N Whelan, 63min), C Palmer, G McAllister, G Speed, B Deane, A Yeboah.
Booked: Kelly, Dorigo.
Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, H Berg, I Pearce, G Hendry, G Le Saux, J Kenna, T Sherwood, M Atkins, S Ripley, A Shearer, C Sutton.
Referee: G Poll.

LEICESTER CITY (0) 0 MANCHESTER UTD (2) 4
21,281
Sharpe 33
Cole 40, 52
Ince 90
Leicester City: K Poole, S Grayson (sub: M Blake, 55min), C Hill, J Willis, M Whitlow, J Lawrence, M Draper, G Parker, D Lowe (sub: B Carey, 74), I Roberts, M Robins.
Manchester United: P Schmeichel, G Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin, B McClair, N Butt, P Ince, L Sharpe (sub: D Blackmon, 46), M Hughes (sub: P Scholes, 55), A Cole.
Referee: M Bodenham.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 QPR (0) 1
Shipperley 49
Watson 57
Peacock 63
15,210
Southampton: D Beasant, J Dodd, R Hall, K Monkou, S Charlton, M Le Tissier, T Widdrington, J Magilton, N Heaney, G Watson (sub: F Benali, 88min), N Shipperley.
Booked: Dodd, Charlton, Shipperley.
Queens Park Rangers: A Roberts, D Bardsley, K Ready, D Maddix, R Brevett, T Sinclair, S Hodge, C Wilson, A Impey (sub: R Wilkins, 76), K Gallen (sub: G Penrice, 64), L Ferdinand.
Booked: Maddix, Bardsley, Impey, Sinclair, Hodge, Brevett.
Referee: P Jones.

Friday

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 TOTTENHAM (0) 1
Armstrong 41
Klinsmann 87
18,149
Crystal Palace: R Wilmot, D Patterson, D Gordon, E Young, R Shaw, G Southgate, J Salako (sub: I Cox, 73min), D Pitcher (sub: R Newman, 60), R Houghton, I Dowie, C Armstrong.
Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh, G Popescu, N Barmby, D Anderton, R Rosenthal, E Sheringham, J Klinsmann.
Referee: P Don.

MANCHESTER C (1) 2 LIVERPOOL (1) 1
Summerbee 18
Gaudino 73
McManaman 21
27,055
Manchester City: A Coton, R Edghill, T Phelan (sub: A Kernaghan, 56min), K Curle, J Foster, M Gaudino, G Fitzroth, N Summerbee, P Walsh (sub: P Beagrie, 66), N Quinn, U Rosler.
Liverpool: D James, M Wright, N Ruddock, P Babb, M Thomas, S McManaman (sub: D Matteo, 73min; N Clough, 82), J Redknapp, J Barnes, M Kennedy, I Rush, R Fowler.
Referee: J Worrall.

EVERTON (1) 2 NEWCASTLE UTD (0) 0
Amokachi 22, 55
34,811
Everton: N Southall, E Barrett, D Watson, D Unsworth, G Ablett, A Limpar, B Horne, J Parkinson, A Hinchcliffe, G Stuart, D Amokachi (sub: A Grant, 63min).
Booked: Ablett, Limpar.
Newcastle United: M Hooper, M Hottiger (sub: L Clark, 69), D Peacock, S Howey, R Elliott, R Fox (sub: K Gillespie, 60), P Beardsley, B Venison, R Lee, P Beardsley, P Kitson.
Booked: Venison.
Sent off: Lee (76).
Referee: R Gifford.

TEAM NEWS

Duncan Ferguson returns from suspension to aid Everton's battle to avoid relegation today for the match with Sheffield Wednesday. Wednesday may recall Chris Waddle. Arsenal, at Aston Villa, hope to include the injured Nigel Winterburn and must decide whether to play John Hartson or keep him fresh for the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final second leg against Sampdoria on Thursday. Villa look like being without their full-backs, Alan Wright and Gary Charles, through injury.

Chelsea have doubts over Jacob Kjeldbjerg and Gavin Peacock for their match against Manchester United.



Wright: hat-trick against Ipswich

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Shearer (Blackburn)	31	2	1	34
Fowler (Liverpool)	24	6	0	30
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	18	9	0	27
Wright (Arsenal)	15	3	8	26
Le Tissier (Southampton)	16	9	0	25
Cole (Man Utd) (16 for Newcastle)	18	2	4	24
Ward (Norwich) (17 for Crewe)	15	9	0	24
Ferdinand (QPR)	20	2	0	22
Collymore (Notts Forest)	19	3	0	22

SURVIVAL in the FA Carling Premiership may come down to goal difference, so close are the teams at the foot of the table. There is also an outside chance that the title race could be decided in the same way — Blackburn are three goals shy of Manchester United, despite being the leading scorers, with 74 goals (an average of two per game). The telling figures are in the last two columns (number of fixtures scoreless and 'clean sheets' kept). Blackburn are only goalless in four matches to Untied's six, but Manchester have 22 clean sheets to Rover's 15. The season for the early title chasers 'falling short' is their failure to find the net. Nottingham Forest being scoreless in eight, Liverpool and Newcastle in nine, and Leeds in twelve.
The number of goals conceded by Ipswich Town (65) and Leicester City (76) speaks for itself, but Crystal Palace's 15 clean sheets are offset by the woeful scoring record of 26 goals and 19 matches without a goal; Norwich are in close proximity with 34 goals and 18 games scoreless.

	P	For	Agt	Goal dif	No goal	Cln sheet
Arsenal	36	46	18	0	13	11
Aston Villa	37	47	49	-2	13	10
Blackburn	37	74	31	+43	4	15
C Palace	35	26	36	-10	19	13
Chelsea	37	43	50	-7	10	11
Coventry	37	39	54	-15	14	13
Everton	36	40	46	-6	11	9
Ipswich	37	32	65	-33	15	2
Leeds	37	50	34	+16	12	16
Leicester	36	40	75	-35	13	3
Liverpool	36	59	30	+29	9	16
Man City	37	47	57	-10	13	9
Man Utd	37	70	24	+46	5	22
Newcastle	37	60	39	+21	9	13
Norwich	36	34	48	-14	18	9
Notts Forest	36	66	40	+26	8	11
QPR	37	56	54	+2	6	9
Sheffield Wed	36	45	55	-10	6	11
Southampton	36	53	58	-5	7	6
Tottenham	36	68	48	+10	6	10
West Ham	36	37	45	-8	13	10
Wimbledon	37	48	61	-15	9	9

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Blackburn	37	15	2	1	49	17	10	6	3	25	14	83	+43
2 Man Utd	37	14	3	1	39	3	9	5	5	31	21	77	+46
3 Nottm For	38	10	6	3	33	18	9	4	6	32	22	67	+25
4 Newcastle	37	13	5	0	39	13	6	5	8	21	26	67	+21
5 Liverpool	36	11	6	3	34	12	7	5	5	25	18	64	+29
6 Leeds	37	10	5	3	29	13	6	7	5	21	21	60	+16
7 Tottenham	36	9	4	5	29	21	6	7	5	29	27	58	+10
8 QPR	37	10	3	6	34	24	5	5	8	22	30	53	+2
9 Wimbledon	37	9	9	0	24	22	6	4	9	22	39	52	-15
10 Arsenal	36	8	7	6	26	20	6	3	10	20	26	46	0
11 Sheff Wed	36	6	6	6	22	25	4	7	7	18	32	48	-15
12 Coventry	37	7	6	6	21	22	4	7	7	18	32	48	-15
13 Soton	36	7	7	4	28	24	3	6	7	25	34	45	-5
14 Chelsea	37	5	7	7	22	21	6	5	7	21	29	45	-7
15 Man City	37	8	6	5	35	25	3	5	10	12	32	44	-10
16 Aston Villa	37	5	8	5	24	19	5	5	9	23	30	43	-2
17 Everton	36	8	6	4	28	20	2	6	10	12	26	42	-6
18 Norwich	38	8	7	4	25	18	2	5	12	9	30	42	-14
19 West Ham	36	7	4	6	22	18	4	4	11	15	27	41	-8
20 C Palace	35	5	6	8	14	21	4	6	6	12	15	39	-10
21 Leicester	38	4	5	10	25	36	1	4	14	15	39	24	-55
22 Ipswich	37	4	2	12	21	32	2	3	14	11	53	23	-53

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BARNSLEY (0) 1 PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
Payton 65

BURNLEY (2) 3 DERBY COUNTY (0) 1
Eyres 12
Shaw 19
Davis 70
Trotter 68
11,534

CHARLTON ATH (1) 3 WOLVERHAMPTON (1) 2
Whyte 12
Welsh 55
Mortimer 61
Bull 43, 67
10,922

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1
White 72
9,377
Fuchs 83

OLDHAM ATH (1) 1 GRIMSBY TOWN (0) 0
McCarthy 3
6,757

READING (3) 3 PORT VALE (0) 3
Hogan 22, 34, 39
6,635
Porter 53
Boyle (pen) 67
Naylor 80

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 2 SWINDON TOWN (1) 2
Rogers 46
Hodges 86
12,217
Gooden 27
Lung 53

STOKE CITY (1) 2 BRISTOL CITY (1) 1
Andrade 28
Peschisolido 89
10,172
Shail 17

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 LUTON TOWN (1) 1
Gray 59
17,292
Taylor 9

WEST BROMWICH (1) 2 SOUTHEND UNITED (0) 0
Hamilton 16
Strodder 53
14,383

SECOND DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 CARDIFF CITY (1) 1
Tait 20
Ward (pen) 88
Millar 13
17,455

BRENTFORD (0) 1 CHESTER CITY (1) 1
Abrahams 89
8,020
Lightfoot 4

BRISTOL RVRS (0) 2 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (0) 0
Taylor 50
Wright 65
7,068

CREWE ALEXANDRA (1) 2 BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
Collins 24
Tierney 83
3,906

HULL CITY (2) 2 BRADFORD CITY (0) 0
Windass 26, (pen) 28
4,368

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 WREXHAM (0) 0
Manuel 38
4,309

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1
Hayward 56
6,987
Booth 59

SHREWSBURY T (1) 1 BRIGHTON (1) 1
Scott 13
3,597
Byrne 32

STOCKPORT CO (2) 3 BLACKPOOL (0) 2
Hellewell 5, 51
Todd 29
Oulieo 49, 60
5,021

SWANSEA CITY (2) 2 LEYTON ORIENT (0) 0
Torpey 9
Pascoe 28
3,277

WYCOMBE WDRS (1) 1 OXFORD UTD (0) 0
Carroll 41
7,553

YORK CITY (1) 2 CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 0
Banas 23
McMillan 87
3,276

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (0) 2 CARLISLE (0) 0
Stant 51
Jackson 58
5,507

CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Morris 28, 70
Robinson 80
4,684

COLCHESTER UTD (4) 5 FULHAM (1) 2
Cheetham 6
English 11
Cascar 18
Fry 35, 56
Morgan 4
Mison 80
3,448

DARLINGTON (0) 0 LINCOLN CITY (0) 0
1,654

EXETER CITY (0) 1 HEREFORD UTD (1) 1
Cecere 60
2,063
White 25

GILLINGHAM (2) 2 BARNET (1) 1
Brown 2
Pike 39
Freedman 23
3,448

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 TORQUAY UTD (0) 1
Henderson 90
1,770
Hancox 90

MANSFIELD TOWN (2) 3 SCARBOROUGH (2) 2
Ireland 18
Williamson 43
Hadley 80
White 29, 42
2,931

PRESTON NE (1) 1 WIGAN ATHLETIC (0) 0
Smart 23
10,238

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 DONCASTER RVRS (3) 5
4,366
Rodaway 13, 51, 61
Warren 43
Harper 45

WALSALL (0) 0 ROCHDALE (0) 0
3,766

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Short (Derby County) 30
Second division: Granger (Brentford), 75; Shutt (Bradford City), 37, Sinnott (Huddersfield Town), 74; Elliott (Oxford United), 8.
Third division: Jupp (Fulham), 70

GOALSCORERS

First division: 25 Francis (Middlesbrough, 25 for Swindon Town), 24 Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers), 22 Creaney (Portsmouth) 19 Whyte (Charlton Athletic); Kelly (Wolverhampton), 18 Mellon (Tranmere), 17 Blake (Sheffield United), Foyle (Port Vale); McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers) 16 Bull (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Nogan (Reading, 9 for Watford 15 McCarthy (Oldham Athletic), Hendrie (Middlesbrough); Taylor (Luton Town, 13 for Bradford City); Nogan (Burnley, 12 for Brighton).
Second division: 38 Bennett (Wrexham) 27 Booth (Huddersfield Town) 25 Foster (Rotherham), 24 Foster (Brentford), 23 Taylor (Brentford); Moody (Oxford United) 22 Jepson (Huddersfield Town); Stewart (Bristol Rovers) 21 Francis (Birmingham City, 13 for Stockport); Miller (Bristol Rovers) 20 Coy, 13 for Stockport); Miller (Bristol Rovers) 20 Corazzin (Cambridge United), Claridge Corazzin (Cambridge United), Claridge (Birmingham City), 18 Chantrey (Peterborough United); Butler (Cambridge United), 17 Barnes (York City)
Third division: 27 Freedman (Barnet), 24 Stant (Bury, 15 for Cardiff City), Wilkinson (Mansfield Town); Lightbourne (Walsall) 22 Reeves (Carlisle), 19 Wilson (Walsall), 18 White (Hereford United), 15 Hadley (Mansfield Town); Cecere (Exeter City), Pike (Gillingham) 14 Carter (Bury); Whitehall (Rochdale), 13 Lyons (Wigan Athletic); Houchen (Hartlepool); Pugh (Bury).

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Middlesbro	42	14	3	4	38	17	8	7	6	24	19	76	62
2 Tranmere	41	17	2	1	49	19	5	6	10	15	25	74	64
3 Bolton	41	15	5	1	41	12	5	7	8	21	26	72	62
4 Wolves	41	14	4	3	38	16	6	5	9	34	39	69	70
5 Barnsley	41	14	4	2	38	16	5	6	10	20	29	67	58
6 Reading	42	10	7	4	30	19	9	3	9	21	22	67	51
7 Shelf Utd	42	11	8	2	35	17	5	7	9	31	31	63	68
8 Derby	42	11	6	4	38	21	6	5	10	21	25	62	59
9 Watford	41	11	6	3	28	16	5	7	9	18	26	61	46
10 Grimsby	42	11	6	4	35	19	4	7	10	23	34	58	58
11 Luton	42	8	6	7	33	26	7	7	7	25	31	58	58
12 Millwall	42	11	6	4	35	21	4	6	11	20	34	57	65
13 Oldham	41	11	7	3	31	19	4	4	12	23	35	56	54
14 Charlton	41	10	5	6	31	24	5	5	10	23	35	55	54
15 West Brom	42	12	2	7	28	23	3	6	12	16	30	53	44
16 Stoke	41	9	6	5	25	16	4	6	9	15	30	53	41
17 Port Vale	42	10	4	7	28	23	3	7	11	26	39	50	54
18 Southend	42	11	2	8	28	23	3	6	12	17	47	50	45
19 Sunderland	42	4	11	6	19	20	7	5	9	18	21	49	37
20 Portsmouth	42	8	7	6	26	26	4	5	12	18	34	48	48
21 Swindon	41	8	6	6	25	24	3	5	13	25	44	44	50
22 Burnley	42	8	6	7	34	30	3	5	13	12	39	44	46
23 Bristol C	42	7	8	6	24	26	3	3	15	15	33	41	39
24 Notts Co	41	6	8	7	25	26	2	3	15	18	34	35	43

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Huddersfield	42	14	4	3	43	18	8	9	4	32	25	79	75
2 Birmingham	40	14	4	2	48	15	8	8	4	26	16	78	74
3 Brentford	41	13	4	4	41	13	10	5	5	33	20	78	74
4 Bristol Rvrs	42	14	6	1	45	18	6	9	6	21	18	75	66
5 Wycombe	42	12	7	2	32	16	7	7	7	22	26	71	54
6 Crewe	40	13	1	6	41	29	8	5	7	30	34	69	71
7 Oxford Utd	42	12	6	3	28	16	7	5	9	33	33	68	61
8 York	42	12	4	5	35	19	7	4	10	24	29	65	59
9 Swansea	41	9	8	3	22	11	8	6	7	31	29	65	53
10 Hull	41	11	6	4	36	16	7	4	9	25	34	64	61
11 Blackpool	42	11	4	6	39	29	6	6	9	23	33	61	62
12 Stockport	42	11	2	8	37	28	7	5	9	23	29	61	60
13 Bradford	42	8	6	7	29	28	8	5	8	28	31	59	57
14 Wrexham	42	9	7	5	37	26	5	8	8	24	34	57	61
15 Peterboro	42	8	10	5	24	26	7	6	8	27	38	55	51
16 Brighton	42	8	9	4	23	14	5	9	10	28	33	54	49
17 Rotherham	42	11	6	4	35	25	1	6	12	18	33	55	68
18 Shrewsbury	42	6	9	6	31	24	3	5	13	18	34	52	69
19 Cambridge	42	7	8	6	31	27	2	6	13	18	40	41	90
20 Bournemth	42	7	4	10	25	34	8	7	11	17	33	41	82
21 Plymouth	41	6	5	9	18	31	4	3	14	19	44	38	97
22 Cardiff	42	5	6	10	24	28	4	4	13	21	41	37	45
23 L Orient	42	6	8	9	21	26	0	2	19	9	44	28	99
24 Chester	42	4	6	11	22	41	0	5	16	12	39	23	94

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Carlisle	38	14	5	0	33	10	11	5	3	30	16	85	63
2 Chesterfield	38	11	6	2	28	8	10	5	4	32	26	74	66
3 Walsall	37	13	3	3	38	17	7	7	4	28	20	70	66
4 Bury	37	11	6	1	32	12	8	4	7	28	23	67	59
5 Mansfield	38	10	3	6	42	24	8	5	6	37	29	62	79
6 Preston	38	12	3	4	34	16	5	7	7	19	22	61	53
7 Doncaster	38	8	5	6	26	16	8	5	6	26	16	58	52
8 Colchester	38	8	5	6	28	27	8	3	8	24	31	58	52
9 Scunthorpe	38	10	2	7	35	28	9	5	5	24	28	55	59
10 Barnet	38	8	7	4	34	21	6	4	9	15	32	53	49
11 Fulham	38	9	5	5	33	22	4	8	7	19	31	52	52
12 Wigan	38	6	6	7	25	25	7	4	8	25	27	49	50
13 Lincoln	38	10	6	3	31	16	3	4	12	15	31	49	46
14 Torquay	38	9	7	3	32	24	3	4	12	16	30	47	48
15 Rochdale	37	7	5	6	23	21	4	8	7	19	35	46	42
16 Hereford	38	8	5	6	19	17	3	6	10	23	39	44	42
17 Darlington	38	6	5	8	21	23	4	3	12	16	28	38	37
18 Gillingham	38	7	6	6	27	23	2	4	13	14	35	37	41
19 Northampton	38	7	4	8	22	27	1	9	9	17	31	37	39
20 Hartlepool	38	7	5	7	26	30	1	5	13	9	34	34	35
21 Exeter	38	5	5	9	24	33	3	4	12	10	32	38	34
22 Scarboro	37	3	7	9	22	28	4	2	12	21	34	30	43

BELL'S

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN (2) 2 CELTIC (0) 0
Shearer 30
Irvine 41
14,500

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 KILMARNOCK (1) 2
Peric 17
6,723
Whitworth 32
Henry 86

FALKIRK (1) 3 MOTHERWELL (0) 0
Kirk 7
Weir 51
Felkan 89
5,790

HEARTS (0) 0 PARTICK THISTLE (0) 1
9,007
Dinnie 53

Yesterday

RANGERS (1) 3 HIBERNIAN (1) 1
Durie 24 Durrant 85
Mikhailichenko 67
O'Neill 39
44,193

FIRST DIVISION

AYR (1) 1 CLYDEBANK (0) 0
Gibson 14
1,799

HAMILTON (0) 1 DUNDEE (4) 4
Duffield 47
1,471
Shaw 6
Hamilton 29, 31, 39

RAITH (0) 0 AIRDRIE (1) 1
4,494
Cooper 45

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 DUNFERMLINE (0) 1
Farquhar 84
5,039
Robertson 61

ST MIRREN (2) 2 STRANRAER (0) 0
Ingles 15
Dick 21
2,300

SECOND DIVISION

CLYDE (0) 1 G MORTON (2) 3
Brown 78
2,338
McArthur 27
McInnes 34
Laing 75

DUMBARTON (1) 2 EAST FIFE (0) 0
Mooney (pen) 3
McAlwood 90
1,248

MEADOWBANK (0) 0 BERWICK (2) 3
296
Fraser 36
Forrester 41, 73

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 1 STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 2
On 82
1,230
Clarke 2
Steel 11

STIRLING (1) 2 BRECHIN (0) 0
Walters 2, 61
666

THIRD DIVISION

ALBION (0) 0 ARBROATH (0) 3
214
McMillan 49
Pew 69
Lindsay 83

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 CALEY THIS (1) 3
Yardley 58
220
Bennet 5
Scott 52
Hercher 67

MONTROSE (0) 0 ALLOA (0) 0
649

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 EAST STIRLING (0) 0
Sheddes (og) 12
590

ROSS COUNTY (0) 0 FORFAR (1) 1
2,496
Mann 42

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Graham (Raith), 44
Second division: Cambell (Queen of South), 77
Third division: Yardley (Cowdenbeath), 78, Petrie (Cowdenbeath), 38; Grant (Montrose), 60; Lamont (Alloa), 85; Dwyer (East Stirling), 67.

FA UMBRO TROPHY

Semi-finals, second leg

HYDE (0) 1 KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0
Tucker 65
2,103

(Kidderminster win 2-1 on agg)

WOKING (1) 2 RUSHDEN AND D (0) 0
Rattray 19
Waller 67
4,643

(Woking win 2-1 on agg)

CONFERENCE

BROMSGROVE (1) 2 DOVER ATHLETIC (0) 0
Stott 34 Taylor 65
935

HALIFAX TOWN (0) 1 TELFORD UTD (0) 1
Pinnilville 67
609
Griffiths 72

KETTERING TOWN (1) 2 GATESHEAD (3) 4
Alford 28
Bigham 72
1,776
Proudlock 21
Lamb 36 Dobson 45
Hope 85

MACCLESFIELD (0) 0 RUNCORN (0) 1
1,148
Hughes 62

NORTHWICH VIC (0) 1 FARNBOROUGH (1) 2
O'Connor 67
849
Horton 32
Denny 57

STAFFORD RAN (0) 0 ALTRINCHAM (0) 1
504
Morton (pen) 85

STALYBRIDGE (0) 1 SOUTHPORT (1) 1
Megson 53
790
Gamble 9

STEVENAGE BOR (0) 0 MERTHYR TYDFIL (0) 0
1,572

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Macclesfield	36	14	3	3	39	15	9	3	4	27	17	75
2 Gateshead	38	12	4	4	37	11	8	4	8	28	27	82
3 Altrincham	35	9	1	8	32	36	9	4	4	38	24	68
4 Southport	37	10	4	4	40	19	7	4	8	18	28	59
5 Welling	33	8	6	2	35	20	8	4	5	25	25	58
6 Stevenage	37	9	4	6	36	24	8	3	7	22	19	56
7 Kettering	38	11	5	4	37	23	5	5	8	25	28	58
8 Halifax	38	11	6	3	45	18	4	5	9	17	32	56
9 Northwich	38	7	7	6	38	29	7	5	6	31	27	54
10 Bromsgrove	38	9	7	3	40	30	5	4	10	21	31	53
11 Runcorn	38	11	5	2	37	23	4	3	13	19	43	53
12 Farnborough	37	8	5	5	21	22	7	3	9	20	31	53
13 Kidderminster	36	6	5	7	25	22	8	4	6	31	30	51
14 Bath	37	7	6	5	29	26	6	6	9	19	29	45
15 Stalybridge	38	9	4	5	26	23	2	8	10	22	41	45
16 Telford	37	9	7	3	27	17	1	6	11	19	35	43
17 Dag & Red	38	6	5	8	24	30	4	6	9	25	36	43
18 Dover	36	4	9	3	21	18	5	5	9	20	28	42
19 Welling	36	6	2	8	29	30	4	4	10	21	35	42
20 Merthyr	36	10	3	6	35	24	1	5	11	14	32	41
21 Yeovil	36	5	4	8	20	22	3	6	10	19	34	13
22 Stafford	36	3	4	11	25	32	3	6	11	22	44	28

Yeovil deducted one point

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Burton 2 Gresley 1. Cambridge City 1 Sudbury 1. Corby 0 Leek 1. Gloucester 0 Dorchester 3. Gravesend and Northfleet 0 Crawley 2. Hastings 1 Sittingbourne 1. Solihull 0 Atherstone 1; Trowbridge 1 Cheltenham 2. VS Rugby 0 Halesowen 2. Worcester 0 Heanesford 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	38	26	8	4	88	43	86
Cheltenham

Australian signings put under pressure

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE Easter uprising against rugby league's summer Super League was mounted on legal and parliamentary fronts at the weekend, as well as in Australia, where anticipated raids on British players form a new outflanking manoeuvre in the battle for control of the game.

Eight weeks after the imposition of a two-year ban on player movements between England and Australia, the Australian Rugby League (ARL) has shifted the focus of the multi-million pound war with the breakaway Australasian Super League 12,000 miles by ripping up the transfer accord.

Leading players here can expect to be made offers by clubs in the Winfield Cup remaining loyal to the ARL. To counter these, lucrative new contracts tying players to the Anglo-French Super League, which kicks-off next March, could start eating into the £77 million set aside for the sport's revolution here.

Pressure on players like Jonathan Davies, Scott Gibbs, Lee Jackson, Alan Hunte, Kevin Ellis and Allan Bateman, who are due to play in Australia this summer, to agree permanent moves, will be high. With abandonment of the salary cap in Australia, money to tempt players is no longer the problem it was.

This divisive strategy is unlikely to ease tensions in talks expected in Sydney today between Ken Arthurson, the ARL chairman, and Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League (RFL) chief executive, who Arthurson accused of "treachery" for agreeing to a 14-team European Super League backed by News Corporation, the parent company of *The Times*. With compromise off the agenda, it is unlikely that Lindsay will get Arthurson to back down on the determination of the ARL to run its own competition alongside the Super League in Australia and New Zealand, which has attracted more than 125 leading players.

Lindsay will also be seeking assurances from Arthurson about Australia's commitment to the World Cup in England and Wales in October, as well as meeting officials of the Australasian Super League. John Ribot, its chief executive, has been petitioned by Keighley to take up its case for inclusion in the European league.

The snubbed club has enlisted the help of Jonathan Crystal, the lawyer who played a part in getting Tottenham Hotspur reinstated in the FA Cup, in its legal fight with the RFL. It is possible, against Huddersfield today, that Keighley could win a second division title rendered meaningless as there is no promotion.

Huddersfield, the visitors at Cougar Park, said they, too, would be applying to join the Super League. Not that applications have been invited, unless Bradford Northern and Halifax agree a merger, in which case Keighley would seem the rightful heirs to a place among the elite.

There is growing support among smaller clubs for a bid by Rochdale Hornets to block the new league with an injunction, while in Parliament, an early day motion will be put down when MPs return from holiday tomorrow.

Wigan's exploits have been the subject of threatened referrals in the past to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which now might be called in by the 80-strong Parliamentary Rugby League Group to adjudicate on the Super League deal.

☐ Touch-in-goal judges will be used in a Challenge Cup final for the first time: The Wembley showpiece on Saturday week between holders Wigan and Leeds is to have the two extra officials to guide the referee on making decisions over controversial tries.

It has also been announced that Castleford referee Russell Smith will be in charge of the Wigan v Leeds game — his second Wembley final in three years.



Lindsay: seeks promises

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Competitors try their hand at archery in a multi-sports challenge day at Chessington Community College

Putting a case for different games

BY SIMON WILDE

THE proposed Government White Paper on the future of sport in schools has created a lively debate. If, as expected, it comes out in June in favour of a renewed emphasis on team sports, in particular the traditional activities of football, cricket, rugby and hockey, there will be many members of the inner-city educational fraternity thinking that a mistake has been made and an opportunity missed.

Traditional team sports present a dilemma for state secondary schools. Their national profiles are high, the rewards for professional success great, but they also demand good-quality playing fields and the organisation and, therefore, the enthusiasm of teachers and pupils. Such enthusiasm can be sorely tried when a two-hour sports period routinely involves a 20-minute walk or minibus journey and ten minutes of changing at each end.

Mark Barker, a sports consultant and vice-chairman of governors at Chessington Community College in south London, is among those who feel that to concentrate solely on such activities would be restrictive and unimaginative.

"I am as keen as the next person on the traditional team sports," he said, "but the reality of inner-city life has to be faced. Many schools do not have ready access to appropriate playing fields and organising 20 or more pupils to play a game such as cricket or rugby is time-consuming.

"If the Government now wants to instil the lessons that are to be learned from team sports, all well and good. It is important that youngsters learn about winning and losing — they will find out one day, when they start competing for jobs in industry — and better that they do so in the environment of a team, where the lessons are not so harsh.

"Yet those lessons do not have to come from the traditional games. They can come from other activities, such as badminton, table tennis and chess. These can be conducted as team pursuits and are more readily available in many schools. It requires a change of ethos. Schools must be allowed the flexibility to choose."

Barker has not only written a paper on team sports in secondary schools, he has also put his plan into action, even if only for one day. With a number of regional sports bodies and sponsors, last month he brought together four London schools from widely differing ethnic and social backgrounds for a multi-sports challenge at the Chessington college.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

None of the mainstream sports was staged. Barker believes that, apart from anything else, these events are accessible to youngsters through their local clubs and county networks. Instead, on offer were archery, indoor athletics, badminton, basketball, chess, cyclo-cross, five-a-side football, netball and table tennis. All in team formats.

About 400 pupils were involved and on the touchlines were representatives of each of the schools and Dick Tracey, the local MP and former Minister for Sport. The enthusiasm of the participants and the good-natured competitiveness of the contests was evident. The activity on the netball court, football field and in the gymnasium was constant — and lasted from ten in the morning to six at night. Only the cyclo-cross was staged outside the school.

Barker persuaded one of the sponsors, Evans of Longton, a firm from Stoke-on-Trent, to provide £8,000 worth of equipment, which was kept by the four schools — from Chessington, Holland Park, Walworth and Featherstone. He also brought in several qualified coaches to broaden the horizons of pupils and teachers. The archery, for instance, was a whole new bow game to all involved.

Barker feels that it will be difficult to repeat such an ambitious event regularly, but a streamlined version could, with local education authority assistance, become a popular part of schools' sporting activity.

Traditional team sports may provide a thrilling spectacle on television, but at schools they can be dominated by the precocious few. "Personally," William Temple, a former Archbishop of Canterbury, once said, "I have always looked on cricket as organised loafing." There was not much loafing at Chessington the other day.

Pot luck proves no help in picking best on green baize

David Powell takes his seat at the Crucible Theatre to watch the world finals of a sport in which Britain can still claim to be great

I studied what all the newspapers were saying on Saturday morning about the Embassy world snooker championship as I made my way to Sheffield. I read about Paul Cavney, from Leeds, Rod Lawler, from Liverpool, and John Higgins, from Wishaw, near Motherwell. I knew something already about Steve Davis, from Brentwood, Stephen Hendry, from West Lothian, and Jimmy White, from Oxshott.

Perhaps I deserve a badge because, when I booked my ticket, I opted to see James Wattana, from Bangkok. Yes — there are players from the world outside Britain playing in the world snooker championship.

I wanted to feel that I was at an international event and that was not going to happen watching a couple of Brits in opposition. This is Wimbledon tennis in reverse: you have to catch the foreigners while you can, before the home players overwhelm the tournament.

It is 12 years since an overseas player reached the final and the castle walls do not need lookouts any more. Not as they did when Cliff Thorburn (Canada), Perrie Mans (South Africa) and Eddie Charlton (Australia) were around. Of the 32 players in the first round, only five came from outside the British Isles. None, except Wattana, was expected to reach the quarter-finals.

> 'I had found snooker on television easy to sleep through'

Entering the Crucible Theatre offers nothing in the way of a cosmopolitan experience. If you have no wish to drink, smoke, bet, or watch televised horse racing in your Rotherham United football shirt, or do not intend to dine in the restaurant, you may as well arrive just before your match starts. As exhibitions go, a couple of stands selling cues and accessories is as much as it manages.

There is a coffee shop (more Joe's than Café Select) and a gift shop called Cues, which does not sell cues but does have a range of aromatherapy oils. Oil to help relieve insomnia, oil for tired feet, oil for anxiety: since I had found snooker on television easy to sleep through, had discovered that the longest walk in the Crucible was to the gents only a few dozen steps away and because I had no money riding on the outcome of any match, I left the oils where they were.

Twenty minutes before Wattana was due out to resume his match, which began on Friday, I spied in the doorway a group of Asian ticket-holders. I approached them to find out whether this was, after all, an event that had spectators flying in from outside Britain and to ask whether, like me, they were here to see Wattana. They were. From Thailand, I asked? "No, Sheffield University."

Into the auditorium we went and, as I reached my seat, it was evident I had struck lucky. I could see not only Wattana versus Gary Wilkinson but the partition separating the two matches obscured only one corner of the table on which Ronnie O'Sullivan, from Chigwell, was playing Dave Harold, from Stoke. This, now, is a young man's game: one teenage player and three in their twenties, not a bald pate between them.

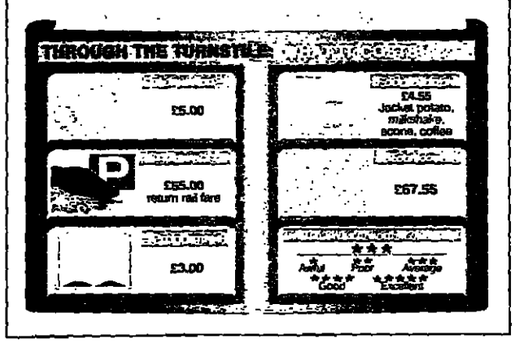
Wilkinson began the session leading 5-4 (William Hill unconvinced: Wattana was 4-9 for the match and 14-1 for the championship, Wilkinson 13-8 and 200-1). Wattana won the first two frames and, while O'Sullivan sprinted away from Harold, there was no such inevitability about the outcome of my match. Wilkinson drew level, went behind, drew level, went in front and stayed there, unexpectedly to win 10-8.

It struck me as curious that, when O'Sullivan and Harold had finished their session, few stayed to watch the upset in prospect on the adjacent table, now that the partition was up with Wilkinson leading 8-7. On an outside court at Wimbledon, a close match between two unknowns fills the gangways. Now here was a half-empty auditorium and the No 3 seed about to fall.

I could not leave without meeting Ken Renwick. He had been to every session of the tournament since 1977, when the Crucible became the world championship venue, except for 1986 when his first wife, Mary, died suddenly while he was at the snooker.

He met his second wife, Joan, over coffee at the Crucible during the world championship. It costs them £330 each to watch the 17 days they spend there, always sitting in the same seats.

Ken says that O'Sullivan is "a genius" who will be as good as Davis, Hendry and White at their best. O'Sullivan can "make the balls talk" apparently. In English presumably. Certainly no need for foreign languages at this world championship.



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Dealer West N-S game and 70 Rubber bridge

	♠A83 ♥A72 ♦Q95 ♣A762	
♠9542 ♥5 ♦74 ♣KJ9843		♠J ♥QJ1086 ♦AJ1083 ♣Q10
	♠KQ1076 ♥K943 ♦K62 ♣5	

W	N	E	S
3♠	Dble	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	4♠	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Final contract: Four Spades by South Lead: the eight of clubs

North-South could have got a good penalty out of Four Clubs, but it seemed reasonable for South to try for game. West led a club, the declarer took the ace and drew trumps in four rounds. East, already under some pressure, threw a heart and two diamonds.

It should have been apparent to South that the hearts were not breaking — East was marked with ten red cards, presumably having raised clubs on a doubleton: but he played a heart to the ace and a heart back to the king, and now had no play for his contract.

Better is to play the king of hearts and then a heart to the ace. When declarer sees the 5-1 heart break, he can ruff a club in his hand, and then exit with a heart. Now, East has to give him two diamond tricks.

East is likely to have the ace of diamonds — he would not have raised clubs on a doubleton without that card.

☐ Apologies to readers of the bidding in my column about Appeals last Friday. North-South were harried into Two Clubs, then Two Diamonds, then Two Hearts.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sharp theory

From a theoretical point of view, Black starts with a disadvantage in chess since White moves first. Many grandmasters, therefore, choose defensive systems designed to neutralise White's initiative.

There is a school of thought, though, that prefers counter-attack as Black, despite the fact that this involves a degree of risk. A counter-attacking weapon par excellence is the Modern Benoni, and the sharpest and most controversial line of it is the one we see in the following game, where Black hazards 8, . . . Nbd7.

Widely regarded as unsound, this variation was revived by Ivanchuk against Lautier, the French grandmaster, in the tournament in Monaco last week. Ivanchuk's treatment will doubtless provoke much debate among theoreticians.

White: Joel Lautier
Black: Vassily Ivanchuk
Monaco, April 1995

Modern Benoni

1	d4	e6	15	bxc3	Qe4
2	c4	c5	16	Qf3	Qxd3
3	d5	exd5	17	Nxd3	bxe6
4	cxd5	g6	18	dxe6	0-0
5	e4	Bg7	19	Ke2	Nf6
6	Nc3	d6	20	e7	Rf7
7	f4	Nf6	21	Bcc5	Bg4
8	Bb5+	Nbd7	22	Rd1	Nd5
9	e5	dxe5	23	Rd3	Nxe7
10	fxe5	Nh5	24	Bc4	Nc6
11	e6	Qh4+	25	Kf2	Re8
12	g3	Nxg3	26	Bxd7+	Kxf7
13	hxg3	Qxh1	27	Nd4	Ne5
14	Be3	Bxc3+	28	Re3	a6
			29	Bd6	Nc4
			30	Rxe8	Kxe8
			31	Bf4	Ke7
			32	Nb3	Be6
			33	Nc5	Bd5
			34	Ke2	Na3
			35	Ke3	Bc6
			36	Kd4	Nb5+
			37	Kd3	h5
			38	a4	Nd6
			39	a5	Nf7
			40	Bc7	Nd6
			41	Bb8	g5
			42	Kd4	h4
			43	gxh4	gxh4
			44	Nxa6	bxa6
			45	Kc5	Nb7+
			46	Kxc6	Nxa5+
			47	Kb6	Nc4+
			48	Kxa6	Ke6
			49	Bh2	Ne5
			50	c4	Nxc4
			51	Kb5	Kd5
			52	Kb4	Kd4
			53	Bg1+	Ne3
			54	Kb5	h3
			55	Kb4	Ke4
			56	Kc3	Nf1
			57	Kc2	Kf3

White resigns

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

By Philip Howard

FARRAGINOUS
a. Privateering
b. Rhetorically exaggerating
c. Messy

PARADIASTOLE
a. An ecclesiastical shawl
b. Irregular heart-beat
c. A euphemistic half-truth

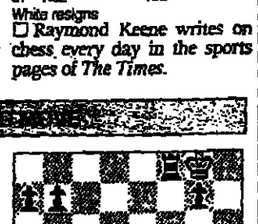
APORIA
a. Hypocritical apologies
b. Lentil porridge
c. An Alpine creeper

PROCERITY
a. Impudence
b. Speed
c. Tallness

Answers: page 34

By Raymond Keene

Dietrich - Bauer, Austria 1967. The endgame looks equal, but Black has the advantage due to his very active pieces. How does he now exploit this advantage to force a quick win?



Solution: page 34

Cook kicks England towards grand slam

Ireland Schools 16
England Schools 17

ENGLAND'S 18-group schoolboys overcame the potentially tricky hurdle posed by Ireland in Galway on Saturday and now stand on the verge of a back-to-back junior grand slam. They now need to beat France at Cambridge on Wednesday in the final international of the season.

Under the coaching of Geoff Wappett, England won all their games last season. Less than convincing victories over Scotland and Wales preceded victory in Galway, which owed much to the goal-kicking of Jeremy Cook.

The Millfield wing, who scored 14 points against the Scots and all nine against Wales, kicked four penalty goals as the Irish struggled to contain the hard-driving England pack. Twice in the first half, England came from behind after Richard Ormond kicked penalties for Ireland; on the first occasion, good rucking gave Ewens the chance of the game's only try, and Cook's first penalty gave England an 8-6 interval lead.

SCORERS: Ireland Schools: Penalty goals: Ormond (2) England Schools: Try: Ewens Penalty goals: Cook (4)

IRELAND SCHOOLS: C Kilroy (Crescent College), S Doggett (St Mary's), S Coulter (Royal Belfast Academy), C Mahony (CBC Cork), J Feehan (St Munchan's), R Ormond (St Mary's), K Murphy (CBC Cork); M Horan (St Munchan's), P Smyth (Blackrock), R McCormack (St Mary's), I Girvan (Royal, Dungannon), P Murphy (Methodist, Belfast), R Leahy (Crescent College), D Blaney (Terenure, captain), L Cullen (Blackrock) Mahony replaced by E Farrell (Blackrock, 20 min), Doggett replaced by G McCullough (RBAI, 30), Murphy replaced by M Purkay (Methodist, Belfast, 52)

ENGLAND SCHOOLS: J Hurst (Stonyhurst College), P Sampson (Woodhouse Grove), K Sorrell (Campion), J Ewens (Colston's Collegiate), J Cook (Millfield), E McLennan (Hall Cross), M Wood (Harrogate); M Worsley (St Ambrose), R Protherough (King's, Worcester), C Cano (Thomas Alleyne), J Cockle (Prior Park, captain), J Beardshaw (Gresham's), W Fuller (Wallington HS), J Worsley (Hitchin), P Ogilvie (Tonbridge).

Referee: C Anderson (Scotland)

Faultless Whitaker takes pole position

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

MICHAEL WHITAKER, of Great Britain, has his first significant individual show-jumping title in his sights after taking the lead in the Volvo World Cup on Everest Two Step at the end of the second leg. The Yorkshireman goes into today's third and final round — a grand prix — with a three-point lead over Nick Skelton on Dollar Girl. Franke Sloothaak and Weihaiwej, Germany's world champions, are in third place, half a point further back.

At 35, Whitaker's resolve has never been higher. Although he was ranked world No 1 last year, a leading title has eluded him. At the 1984 Olympic Games, he was in the lead when his mare, Amanda, refused at the water ditches in the final round. At the 1989 European championships, he led going into the final round, but was relegated to the silver medal position by his brother, John, on Milton.

Since then, he has acquired two "tip-top" horses in Midnight Madness, on which he won the European bronze medal in 1993, and Two Step, a horse Whitaker singled out from the start. "He's got enormous scope but he's difficult to ride; he can get very tense."

The German-bred gelding underlined his scope on Saturday when he got Whitaker out of trouble at the final obstacle in the eight-horse jump-off. "I was too far off so I just kicked and prayed," Whitaker said. Two Step, who managed a strenuous leap, jumped clear to earn Whitaker third place in the class — and first place in the Cup standings.

Skelton, also seeking a first big title, has been confident from the start that Everest Dollar Girl can win this year. Though clear in the first round on Saturday, the 15-year-old mare began to look vulnerable in the jump-off, where she hit the first part of the double, but Skelton, the runner-up in 1985, is in aggressive, confident mood.

Sloothaak is the threat to both Britons. His win in Saturday's second leg on Saturday came via two matchless rounds on the 13-year-old, Weihaiwej, who never looked in any danger of making a mistake. Sloothaak's determination has been fuelled by two near-misses. He was runner-up last year to Jos Lansink, of Holland — who is lying fourth — and was third in 1990.

John Whitaker and Geoff Billington, are both out of the World Cup after collecting eight and 16 faults respectively in the second leg. Whitaker, winner in 1990 and 1991, said his multiple grand prix winner Grannusch was "too fresh".

DETAILS

Leading positions: 1, F Sloothaak (Ger, San Patrignano Weihaiwej) clear 36.42sec; 2, L Nieberg (Ger, For Pleasure) clear 37.17; 3, M Whitaker (GB, Everest Two Step) clear 40.68; 4, G Oberson (Switz, Showtime) clear 41.45; 5, A Voorn (Holl, Jewel's Amethyst) 4 faults 37.14.

Leading World Cup standings (after two legs): 1, Whitaker, 0 faults; 2, N Skelton (GB), 3.0; 3, Sloothaak, 3.5; 4 equal, J Lansink (Holl) and Nieberg, 5.0.

Underwood's try sets seal on forward mastery to leave Bath adrift in title run-in

Proud Leicester pack championship punch

Leicester 31
Bath 21

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHAT further twists does this English season have in store before its leading players fly off to take their place on the world stage? Two games only remain before the Courage Clubs Championship is concluded, yet still the first-division title trembles in the balance: it is not yet Leicester's to pick up and it is not in Bath's nature to concede it.

Ever since Bath's ascent to the top of the English pyramid ten years ago, games between these two have taken on a gladiatorial aspect. Welford Road on Saturday was the epitome of the rugged battle for supremacy that has been fought out over the entire season and which will not be over until Leicester have played Sale (away) and Bristol (home), while Bath must go to Harlequins next Saturday and then entertain Sale.

In such an impassioned atmosphere, the very essence of victory was pride in community and collective discipline. Both clubs ooze the former, but, on the day, the discipline was Leicester's, particularly that of their forwards, who have surely not played better all season.

Their game fuelled by the disappointment of the Pilkington Cup semi-final defeat by Wasps a fortnight earlier, the Leicester tight five hit ruck and maul like men possessed, but the Tigers' management also know the value of set-piece work — at lineout, at scrum and at kick-offs — where Bath won hardly a ball all match. They exposed the immaturity of the young Bath front row and of Victor Ubogu, who should have known better; whatever the rights and wrongs of Stewart Piercy's ruling on collapsed scrums — and the player in trouble seemed to be John Mallett — Ubogu allowed his frustration to get the better of him twice and must have been dangerously close to dismissal for dissent.

"Bath over the years have always soaked up pressure," John Hall, their captain, said. "I find decisions like those for the collapsed scrums startling, that's not our style." It cost his team six points, but, more pertinently, it cost Bath the shape they wanted to impose on the game.

Such was Ubogu's angry frame of mind that the England prop could be relied upon to carry the ball too far, falling prey to an utterly committed defence. Thus, little was seen of the Bath back row with ball in hand and their backs, several degrees better than Leicester's midfield, were virtually erased from the game. When they did release the ball, Bath created two splendid tries that reduced an 18-6 half-time deficit to 24-21 with seven minutes of a nail-biting second half still to go.

Strong men were turning pale in the stand, but Leicester's present crop are evidently of sterner stuff. "I can't describe what it means to play in such a close-knit community," Dean Richards, their captain, said. Richards, happily recovered from his rib injury, is the archetypal folk hero, for whom winning the league with his club colleagues would mean as much as winning a grand slam with England.

"It's lovely to play for a club where everyone plays for everyone else," he added. "The Bath boys know what I mean." In reaching their present eminence, however, Leicester have taken three points from Bath and all four from Wasps, their nearest rivals, and have yet to lose at home in the league.

Leicester were able to place continuity on the game in the first half while Bath were still desperately seeking possession; seldom do their players concede so much ball in the tackle but with Back snapping in their faces all the time, Leicester built a healthy 12-point lead with the wind.

It might have been more after Poole broke powerfully from halfway to within ten metres, but Potter, with three men screaming free on his right, chose to go for the line himself. "Once or twice, players had blinkers on," Ian Smith, the Leicester coach, said diplomatically, though to under-use a player such as Tony Underwood verges on the criminal.

No such problem for Catt, whose long pass enabled Adebayo to get round the leggy and deceptively strong newcomer in Leicester's centre, Robinson. Catt, with a marvellous pick-up after de Glanville and Swift had made the running, scored the second Bath try, but it was a delicate decision for Bath to run kickable penalties midway through the second half.

The try that Leicester could not create for themselves finally arrived courtesy of Bath. The authoritative Liley had already kicked five penalties and Harris snapped over three dropped goals (equalling his own record for the first division, which he shares with John Steele, late of Northampton) before prodding a kick deep into Bath's 22: Tony Underwood trapped Callard, who tried to keep the ball alive by feeding Adams.

The young hooker telegraphed a long throw into midfield where lurked the older Underwood amid a clutch of Bath shirts. Given such a chance ten metres from the line, Underwood's strength carried him through despairing tackles and the exhalation of breath from Leicester's agonised supporters preceded a peal of joy. Now the Tigers' destiny is in their own hands.

SCORERS: Leicester: Try: R Underwood. Conversion: Liley. Penalty goals: Liley (5). Dropped goals: Harris (3). Bath: Tries: Adebayo, Catt. Conversion: Callard. Penalty goals: Callard (3).
LEICESTER: J Liley; T Underwood, R Robinson, S Potter, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni, G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.
BATH: J Callard, A Swift, P de Glanville, M Catt, A Adebayo, R Butland, I Sanders; V Ubogu, G Adams, J Mallett, J Hall, M Haag, N Redman, S Ojomoh, B Clarke
Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire)



Rory Underwood, who scored the try that secured Leicester's victory, escapes the clutches of Haag as Catt, left, and Ojomoh, set off in pursuit. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Pontypool prepare to rebuild in second division

Newport 33
Pontypool 16

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

ANTICIPATION that this match, in the basement of the first division of the Heineken League, would be a well attended, dire affair, was only half realised on Saturday. The real winners were those folk who chose to leave Rodney Parade barren at each end as Newport and Pontypool slugged it out in uncompromising fashion.

As a sad indictment of the state of the game in Gwent, it was not until three minutes from full time that a spell of to-and-fro open play earned united applause from the stands, but by then the last rites for Pontypool had long passed and it was more in relief than appreciation that the crowd responded to possession changing hands five times without the ball going dead.

Before then, the crowd had little to cheer. An excellent move by Newport, seven minutes into the second half, resulting in a try by Duncan Hughes from a deep run, and Simon Enoch's unimpeded sprint to the line as the game entered its last quarter served only to emphasise the inadequacies of Pontypool. Both scores were prompted by Richard Goodey, leading Newport from No 8.

To augment his day, Goodey, formerly captain at Pontypool, scored the opening try, which overhauled Jason Williams's penalty goal in the first minute, and made the break, from a five-metre scrum, that gave Mark Roderick a score on the stroke of half-time: but his side always had the edge and showed enough composure and resolve to deserve first division rugby again next season.

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With Abertillery beating Dunvant, survival is now entirely in Newport's hands — victory over Dunvant next week will suffice — but Pontypool will contest the second division next season for the first time. Who will be coaching them then, though, is still to be resolved.

Bobby Windsor, a third of the famed Pontypool front row that was immortalised in song by Max Boyce — the "Viet Gwent" — made his decision to resign a while ago. It seems that Graeme Taylor, a leading coach from New Zealand, is favourite to take over.

Taylor is one of three men that Pontypool intend to interview during the summer, but his record as a coach and as an organiser puts him in pole position. His ability to develop local talent — a skill displayed at Lansdowne, the Irish club — has impressed Pontypool, although his main claim to fame is as coach of the Hawkes Bay side that beat the British Isles 29-17 in 1993.

Should he accept the challenge, on-field discipline must be one of the first problems to address. On Saturday, Andrew Newberry was sent off after an hour for stamping and Wayne Morris, captaining Pontypool from scrum half, was fortunate not to follow. On one of the most important days in Pontypool's history, neither impressed.

SCORERS: Newport: Tries: Goodey, Roderick, Hughes, Enoch. Conversions: M Jones (2). Penalty goals: M Jones (3). Pontypool: Try: Hewitt. Conversion: Williams. Penalty goals: Williams (3).
NEWPORT: D Hughes; R Rees, S Enoch, M Yendle, M Llewellyn; D Rees, M Roderick; S Duggan, A Peacock, S Cronk, B Atkins, N Jones, K Moseley. Grey, R Goodey. Yendle replaced by M Jones (21min).
PONTYPOOL: A Clare, K Walker, D Lynch, M Taylor, H Jones; J Williams, W Morris; S Hale, J Thomas, J Jones, M Squires, L Mruk, C Billen, P Hewitt, M Matthews. Billen replaced by A Newbury (19); Lynch replaced by P Taylor (35).
Referee: W D Bevan (Clydach).

Wasps save sting for final showdown

Wasps 27
Bristol 15

BY BRYAN STILES

WASPS got it the wrong way round on Saturday — they seemed to be suffering from a hangover before they had achieved anything to celebrate. They had the jaded air of a team mindful that they had blown their chance of the Courage Clubs Championship earlier in the season and were marking time until they could get to grips with Bath in the Pilkington Cup final three weeks hence.

Their captain, Dean Ryan, was angry at their performance and roasted them as soon as they reached the sanctuary of the changing-room. The spectators were not much happier, either. Where was the team that had committed itself to uplifting open play, attacking from all parts of the pitch?

That strategy had been modified and had brought Wasps victory over Bath in the league three weeks earlier and over Leicester in the Cup the next Saturday. As a result, they decided to maintain their more pragmatic approach against their middle-of-the-table opponents, Bristol. It was a mistake.

In place of flair and excitement, there was mainly muddle and indecision. Passes were dropped, wrong options were taken and, apart from one sparkling offering from Phil Hopley and some gems from Paul Hull, of Bristol, incisive back play was not on the agenda for either team.

For much of the game, it looked as if Bristol were capable of pulling off a surprising win against third-placed Wasps. With Derek Eves leading his pack with passion and Mark Tainton prodding Bristol into the lead three times with penalty goals, Wasps looked shaky, but, with Bristol 12-9 ahead midway through the second half, Hopley produced his party piece.

He left his touchline berth, sped into midfield, accepted a neat pass from Guy Gregory and beat three defenders at high speed, swerving to touch down behind the posts. If only there had been more like it.

Tainton kicked five penalty goals to provide all Bristol's points. Unluckily for them, Gregory also picked up five penalty goals and Richard Kinsey touched down in the last minute for Wasps after a driving maul.

SCORERS: Wasps. Tries: Hopley, Kinsey. Conversion: Gregory. Penalty goals: Gregory (5). Bristol. Penalty goals: Tainton (5).
WASPS: S Pilgrim, S Hunter, N Greenstock, G Childs, P Hopley, G Gregory, A Gomarsall, N Popplewell, K Dunn, I Dumpton, M Greenwood, R Kinsey, N Hadley, M White, D Ryan.
BRISTOL: P Hull, D John, N Smith, M Denney, A Williams, M Tainton, M Chudleigh, A Ozdemir, M Regan, D Hinkins, C Barrow, R Armstrong, M Fountaine, D Eves, I Patten, S Crosland (temporary replacement for A Williams (38-42 min).
Referee: D Leslie (Manchester).

Bold attitude of Mensah improves survival hopes

Orrell 10
Harlequins 28

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ON THE day that local employers were issued with an appeal by Orrell for "jobs for the boys," Harlequins showed they were boys for the job of salvage and disposal. In digging themselves part way out of a relegation hole, they laid their Edge Hall Road bogey at the fifth attempt.

Bath next Saturday and Gloucester the following week are sizeable banana skins for the city slickers. Tempting providence, or not, there were relieved smiles at news of Northampton's defeat and automatic drop if Wasps or West Hartlepool beat them in the remaining two matches of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Orrell, an anachronism nowadays, had their place in the magnificent seven who have never lost first division status guaranteed by events at Kingsholm. Harlequins reckon relegation would cost them £500,000 in lost revenue, a figure guaranteed to make an Orrell official choke. "We defend the amateur faith, but making the game professional wouldn't do anything for us," one said. "There ain't no brass, simple."

Four players set to join next season have given notice of "better offers" to an Orrell side getting old together. Naylor is a young, classy three-quarter act, as is Healey, although his playmaker instincts might be better suited at stand-off half, given Ainscough's worrying difficulties there. Survival is getting harder and rarely has the Lancashire fortress been overrun as it was on Saturday.

At an aristocratic club with few of Orrell's worries, Harlequins' perpetual struggle this season has been the price of past neglect. A stream of international players have gone, leaving Carling, Moore and Leonard, but none have come in.

Since picking up the reins as director of coaching in mid-season, Dick Best has supplanted stiff-upper-lipped resignation with backbone.

For an hour, Moore's pirouette and touch-finding kick was the only entertainment until Mensah, whose senses had earlier been given a bad knock in a collision with Horrocks, defied a hesitant Orrell defence with the direct running that a sterile contest needed and to which England A can look forward in Australia next month after Mensah leaves his job in the City.

With Challinor landing the third of his five successful kicks, there was no way back for a one-paced and creatively barren Orrell. Injuries to Manley and Johnson compounded their disjointed look. What Harlequins lacked in zest and ideas at half-back, the driving play of Sheasby and Jenkins made up for; not that the visitors encountered much trouble defensively.

When Ainscough tried to give the ball width, Carling's interception sent Staples galloping 70 yards to the line. Thresher followed him over from shorter range, before persistence was rewarded by Horrocks's last-minute try for Orrell.

SCORERS. Orrell: Try: Horrocks. Conversion: Ainscough. Penalty goal: Ainscough.
Harlequins: Tries: Mensah, Staples, Thresher. Conversions: Challinor (2). Penalty goals: Challinor (3).
ORRELL: S Tabemer, J Naylor, I Wynn, P Johnson, P Horrocks; G Ainscough, D Topping, P Winstanley, M Scott, J Cundick, P Manley, C Cusani, C Cooper, J Hudley, S Bobby Johnson replaced by A Healey (40min). Manley replaced by C Brierley (46).
HARLEQUINS: J Staples; C Henderson, W Carling, P Mensah, S Bromley, P Challinor, R Kitchen, J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Watson, A Snow, P Thresher, R Jenkins, C Sheasby.
Referee: J Wallace (Somerset).

Cardiff's 75-33 victory on Saturday added strength to the view that club matches against the Barbarians have become lacking in meaning or value. The Barbarians may bring release from the tensions of league rugby, but the game had lost its significance as a contest by half-time, when Cardiff, fielding a much-changed XV, led 35-7.

Northampton fail by tiniest margins

Gloucester 14
Northampton 13

BY PETER BILLS

THE tantalising margins that divide success and failure on the sporting field will surely haunt Northampton now on their likely journey into the second division. Only a remarkable series of results can save them.

Minuscule measurements separated Northampton from victory in a gripping contest at Kingsholm. They gambled on playing Tim Rodber and Martin Bayfield, their England internationals, having targeted this match as the one to win, but they failed by the tiny margins of, variously, a foot in touch, a late penalty that flew barely a yard wide and a refereeing decision that may have been obscured. Northampton's fate is now in the hands of others.

The extent of Northampton's plight, after a defeat by a try and three penalty goals to a goal and two penalty goals, was revealed by Ian McGeechan's furrowed brow and his willingness to criticise, by inference, the referee.

Northampton's director of rugby is not one to harangue officials for their failures, but he was insistent that his men had scored two perfectly good tries, the first by Walton before half-time and the second by Pountney 15 minutes after the interval. Northampton claimed that Hunter not Walton had been in touch for the first "try" and that Pountney had grounded the ball to score before being driven back by the defence.

McGeechan was insistent when he reported: "I was down on that touchline. That try [Pountney's] was as good as any we have scored this season. As for the other, Hunter hit the flag when Walton scored."

But McGeechan also conceded the nub of the affair, namely that Northampton had a plethora of chances to win. Grayson landed only two of five penalty attempts, Clarke knocked on near the line, Beal missed a simple dropped goal and Bayfield and Walton were each stopped a yard short of the line.

Victory ensured safety for Gloucester and was just reward for Teague's inspiration. Smith's kicking ultimately made the difference between the sides, his third goal ten minutes from time edging Gloucester home.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Try: Sims. Penalty goals: Smith (3). Northampton: Try: Dawson. Conversion: Grayson. Penalty goals: Grayson (2).
GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, D Cockle, M Robens, R Saltmarch, L Osborne, B Farley; A Powell, J Hawker, A Deacon, P Clarke, D Sims, R West, P Ashmead, M Teague.
NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; N Beal, F Packman, M Allen, H Thomeycroft, P Grayson, M Dawson; C Allen, A Clarke, G Pearce, P Walton, J Phillips, M Bayfield, A Pountney, T Rodber. Dawson replaced by A Gallagher (29min). Packman replaced by S Poole.
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

Scrum half Nicol joins growing line-up of Scottish casualties


Nicol: Painful return

BY MARK SOUSTER

Scotland's preparations for the World Cup, already blighted by injury, received another jolt yesterday with the news that Andy Nicol, the scrum half, is almost certain to miss the tournament after damaging his right knee playing for Bath's second team on Saturday.

The match, innocuous in itself, was vital to Nicol's hopes of claiming the position left open for him as he continued to recover from the effect of cruciate ligament surgery on his left knee. The injury, which occured early in the second half at the Recreation Ground, was witnessed by Duncan Paterson and Dougie Morgan, the manager and coach respectively of the Scotland team, who had flown south to run the rule over Nicol's progress.

Their hopes that Nicol, a player considered by the management to be a vital part of the squad, despite such a long absence, will make South Africa hinge on a doctor's report due today. Realistically, it seems impossible that the former Dundee player, who returned to Scotland at the weekend for a medical examination, will be fit enough to join a squad that leaves for a tour of Spain in a fortnight. That is the cut-off point set by Paterson, but it appears now that the selectors will meet in the next day or so to confirm that, in Nicol's absence, Derrick Patterson, of West Hartlepool, will go as Bryan Redpath's deputy.

The gamble on Nicol was always going to be a close call, but such has been the catalogue of injuries in the past 12 months that the Scots have grown almost philosophical in the face of adversity. It is a measure of their progress in recent months, and the strength in depth now available, that the setbacks that have ruled out players of the calibre of Gary Armstrong, Andy Reed, Alan Sharp and Gregor Townsend, will not stop the team leaving for South Africa with an air of confidence after a five nations' championship that banished the bleak memories of the preceding 18 months.



The emergence of a steady stream of talent from the A team, such as Stewart Campbell, David Hilton and Eric Peters, and their successful integration into the senior side has delighted Paterson. He believes the squad at his command, with its emphasis on youth and one which he bids farewell to after the World Cup, has more potential than even the Grand Slam-winning side of 1990.

Having been written off as no-hopers for the five nations' championship and the World Cup, Paterson, who never believed the situation was as dire as had been made out, feels that Scotland are back in the top six in the world and can repeat their achievement of 1991 by reaching the semi-finals.

The best chance of doing that is to win Pool D, or more bluntly, to beat France in the third and final qualifying game in Pretoria on June 3. While not dismissing the threat of either the Ivory Coast or the physical Tongans in the opening two matches, all the preparations are geared towards that match against the French. Victory would see them into the quarter-finals, probably against either Wales or Ireland; defeat would mean a showdown with New Zealand.

"If we do in the next eight weeks what we have done in the last eight, that is beat Ireland, Wales and France, we will be in the semi-finals. From then on, it's a cup final situation," Paterson said.

Before such riches can be contemplated, Scotland have a final home international on Saturday against Romania, whose recent performance against France demonstrated that there are signs of life in Bucharest. That is followed by the week-long acclimatisation tour to Spain. There the 26 players, all of whom will play at least one of the two games against a development XV and the full national side, will be based at high altitude at a ski resort 90 minutes north west of Madrid, conditions which it is hoped will replicate as far as possible those to be encountered in Pretoria.

The draw for the qualifying games in South Africa does not work in Scotland's favour. It could be that the strongest side will have to play all three matches, but such has been their resurgence, playing a style of rugby that would appear suited to South Africa, that the odds of Scotland progressing further than, dare one say, England, could well be worth investigating.

Two transplant patients tell **Guy Walters** how cycling helped to put them on the road to health

On your bikes — and give it heart and soul

SPORT FOR ALL

THE British Heart Foundation's London to Brighton Bike Ride, which takes place on June 18, is Britain's biggest cycling event and celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year. *The Times* is helping to sponsor this great outdoor day of fun, which last year raised *more than* £1 *million* to further reasearch into the disease that kills *more* people *than any other* in Britain.

Entries are limited for safety reasons to 27,000. Very few places are left, but in the next few weeks *Sport For All* will be offering readers the chance to join in. Those unable to do so are invited to sponsor some of the riders we will be featuring. For further information, call the Bike Ride Hotline: 0891 616077.

It is a day out and a pleasure ride, not a race, but there are trophies and prizes for those who raise the most money in sponsorship. Leaving Clapham Common between 6am and 10am, riders, who must be aged 14 or over, will cover 58 miles to the coast. The £11.50 entry fee covers the cost of organisation. All sponsorship goes directly to research funds. Today, we talk to some riders with very special reasons for taking part.

British Heart Foundation
The heart research charity



The start of the London to Brighton Bike Ride last year

The conditions of entry for the British Heart Foundation's 1995 London to Brighton Bike Ride are hardly rigorous. There are the normal waivers and the reasonable requirement that riders should obey the Highway Code and the various officials and marshalls. However, the organisers, perhaps aware of the nature of their charitable business, are keen to warn entrants that if they have "any doubt about their health, or have a medical condition that could be affected by exercise, particularly a heart condition, then they must obtain their doctor's approval before participating".

Eight years ago, Graham Stevenson's doctor would have strongly disapproved. Stevenson had congenital cardiomyopathy, a rare condition that attacks the heart muscle. He was told that he would be dead in well under a year. He could barely walk up the stairs, let alone cycle the 58 miles from capital to coast. A heart transplant saved him, shortly after which he participated in the annual Transplant Games, where he ran the 100 metres in 20sec. He also swam 50 metres, although he describes that as being "a disaster — I was just so unfit". At 46, he now pursues a healthy life; running, swimming and cycling, although he describes himself as a "fair weather cyclist".

This June, Stevenson will be taking part in the London to Brighton ride for the second time. The first time, he was euphoric upon finishing the event, which he would have liked to have completed in 3½ hours, although traffic congestion held him back. The event is not a race and, as a result, "you end up talking to people you've never seen before. Neither is there any nastiness. You definitely see the better side of human nature."

This year, he will be accompanied by some members of his family, including his daughter, Julie, as well as Chris Haydon, another veteran of both the London to Brighton and a heart transplant. Haydon, 45, recalls that after the operation almost six years ago "they had us on bikes to get us going, like after pregnancy where you're not left hanging around". Within four months, he was back at work and he now exercises regularly. "Graham and I go out on the bikes until the legs feel sore," he said. "We're not racers — our idea is to go out and enjoy it." Next year, he wants to run the London Marathon, "to prove that what we've got works".

Although Jan Brodie has not had a heart transplant, her reasons for taking part in the ride are similar to those of Haydon and Stevenson. Brodie, 47, says that her recent passion for cycling is an outcome of "middle-age crisis". "Middle-age hits you with a vengeance," she said, somewhat authoritatively. "You think, 'my God, my legs haven't moved for years'." She started cycling for fun, but as soon she and her friend had heard about the event, then "it suddenly became a target for us".

Their training regime involves "a lot of talking". They cycle twice during the week after work and then go for a 25-mile ride at the weekend. As far as Brodie is concerned, "cycling is the best form of keep-fit that I know". "We've tried aerobics," she said, "but you can just forget it. What's good enough for Cindy Crawford doesn't work for us. We've tried swimming, but that's really boring, whereas cycling is wonderful."

Brodie and her friend have been cycling for a year now, although "at the beginning we could only manage five miles until we were absolutely gasping. People giggled when they discovered what we were up to, but now we can manage the 25 miles with no problem." London to Brighton is a distance of 58 miles, but the pair have the incentive of fish and chips on the beach to keep them going, where "all those calories we've lost on the way will be piled back on".

Unless the Sussex fishermen have a record haul, they will be lucky to get their fish and chips — Brodie and her friend are only two of the 27,000 taking part.



TONY WHITE

Well on wheels: Chris Haydon, in the foreground, with Graham Stevenson and his daughter, Julie

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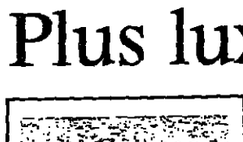
Five under par
P Britt, Bromley;
J Lee, Cleethorpes (twice);
D N Williams, Droitwich.

Four under par
M Clayton, Bradford;
J Lee, Cleethorpes;
C Corbett, London;
A J Pickard, Cambridge.

Three under par
A Muir, Northwich;
S Lomas, Middlesex;
J O'Neill, Harpenden;
M Waggo, Beaconsfield;
R Hiseman, Witney;
J Lee, Cleethorpes (twice);
Mr Kay, Derby;
B Miller, Nottingham.

Two under par
R Land, Leeds;
J Lee, Cleethorpes;
A Tallentire, Wilmslow;
A Adamson, York;
P Eccles, Belfast;
J Connelly, Surrey;
T Hobbs, London;
J O'Neill, Harpenden;
S Allen, Bristol;
A Malkin, Beckenham;

One under par
D Wood, Camberley



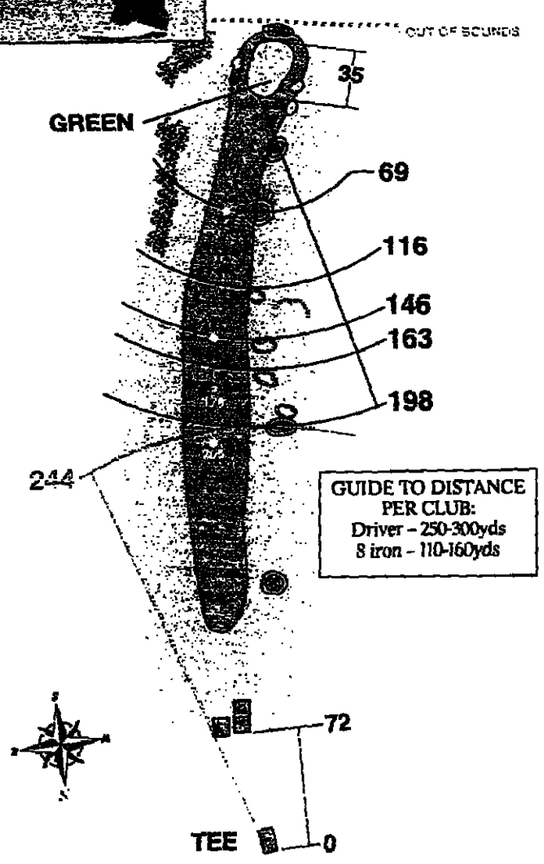
Tom Kite's actual yardage on the 17th hole at St Andrews in the 1994 Dunhill Cup was: driver 270yds, No 4 iron 200yds, putter 6yds, putter 1yd. Fuzzy Zoeller's actual yardage on the 8th hole at Turnberry in the 1994 Open was: No 6 iron 165yds, putter 10yds, putter 1yd. Last week's holiday to The Cloister, Sea Island, Georgia, was won by James Lee of Cleethorpes, South Humberside. The Sunday Times prize of Wilson clubs was also won by James Lee, of Cleethorpes, South Humberside. The Times prize was won by David Rae of Tadworth, Surrey.



TODAY'S hole in our Golf Masters Challenge features the 3rd at Turnberry, played by Jesper Parnevik in the 1994 Open. This is a 462yd par four and Parnevik completed it in four shots.

Taking a light north westerly wind into account, he teed off with a driver, used a No 8 iron for his second shot to the green then used a putter for his third and fourth shots.

SPORTS
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HOW TO PLAY

Today we publish the tenth hole in the Golf Masters Challenge accompanied by details of how many shots a leading professional golfer, Jesper Parnevik, took to play the hole, the clubs he used and the prevailing weather conditions. The eleventh hole appears in *The Sunday Times* next week.

To play today's hole study the Strokesaver map taking into account the yardage guides which give both distances from the tee and yardages to the green. They also show obstacles that might prevent the golfer from hitting the ball in a straight line, such as water and trees.

Using your skill and judgment estimate how far each shot travelled, in yards. Then pick up the 'phone, dial the appropriate Hotline, follow the instructions and key in your answers (you will need a touchtone telephone and calls will last for about four minutes; calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times).

Try to match the yardage of each shot taken by the featured golf professional and you could win any of three different prizes:

The £25,000 accumulator prize can only be won by readers who play all 18 holes during the nine weeks of *The Times/The Sunday Times* Golf Masters Challenge. If you have already played the first nine holes ring **0891 70 05 10** and quote your Pin number to play the tenth hole. This number automatically enters accumulator players for the daily prize and the second stage of the fifth weekly prize. A weekly leaderboard will chart the progress of the top entrants.

The weekly prize. This is for all readers who play today's hole and the hole published in *The Sunday Times* yesterday. The person who has the best score over the two holes will win a luxury golf holiday worth up to £7,000. To play for the weekly and daily prizes ring **0891 66 55 10.** Accumulator players do not need to call this number.

The daily prize. The reader with the lowest score on a single hole will win a full set of Wilson golf clubs including a golf bag and Ultra balls. To play for the daily prize, ring **0891 66 55 01.**

The success of your play is calculated by a simple scoring system. You will be penalised one point for every yard your estimate varies from the exact yardage taken by the golfing professional for his shot. The total variance in points is then transferred into a golfing equivalent; 0-4 points = 2 under par, 5-8 points = 1 under par, 9-15 points = par, 16-19 points = 1 over par, 20-25 points = 2 over par, 26 points and over = three over par. This scoring mechanism is a final modification and is slightly more sensitive than the original published on March 19.

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Entries for today's hole in the Golf Masters Challenge must be logged by midnight on Wednesday April 19



Win a trip to North Carolina

FOR readers who play today's hole and the hole published in The Sunday Times yesterday there is the chance of winning a holiday worth £7,000. This week's destination is the historic Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, North Carolina, which boasts seven championship courses, including the renowned course No 2, location of the 1994 US Senior Open and the 1999 US Open Championship.

The company Great Golf Resorts of the World, which specialises in luxury golfing holiday resorts, has combined with American Airlines and Avis car rental to provide a dream holiday for two people as a weekly prize for the Golf Challenge.

Each weekly winner and a companion will fly business class with American Airlines. They will stay for five nights in luxury accommodation, with breakfast provided.

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For further information on resorts featured, telephone American Airlines Holidays (ATOL 2706) on 01705 465885.



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THE reader who gets the best score on each of the 18 holes in the Golf Masters Challenge will win a set of superb Wilson golf clubs worth £1,400 — including a golf bag and the latest technology Ultra 500 golf balls to get you rolling. The set is made up of Wilson Staff Midsize irons and Killer Whale Midsize woods. The irons are designed with perimeter weighting and a generous sweetspot to give maximum accuracy and forgiveness. The Killer Whale woods are reputed to be the longest-hitting clubs on the US PGA tour.

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Richard Evans selects ten to follow for the Flat season

Aqaarid has right credentials for Oaks

AQAARID: Became the first group winner sired by Nashwan when she won the Fillies' Mile at Ascot last season and she is bred to progress, especially over a longer distance. On her only other start last term, the daughter of Ashayer did particularly well to overcome inexperience and showed useful speed to beat a decent field of maidens over an inadequate six furlongs.

While she is likely to line up for the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket, middle-distance races — the Oaks in particular — should prove to be her forte. John Dunlop is a master at handling horses stepping up in trip and he reports that his unbeaten filly "has developed a tremendous amount" over the winter.

BLUE DUSTER: Is a two-year-old filly held in high regard at David Loder's yard who looks sure to do well if her work on the Newmarket gallops is an accurate yardstick. Owned by Sheikh Mohammed, the daughter of Danzig (out of a Habitat mare) is tough, possesses plenty of speed and a touch of class. She is likely to make her debut in about a month's time, possibly at York, and could be a Royal Ascot candidate.

CELTIC SWING: Was last season's outstanding two-year-old and looked in magnificent shape on Lady Herries's Angmering gallops in West Sussex last week. If he has trained on, and all the signs are that he has, the Damister colt will take a world of beating in his chosen races this season, particularly the 2,000 Guineas. The Peter Savill-owned colt makes his seasonal reappearance in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday.

DISMISSED: Has inherited more than his fair share of speed from his sire, Dayjur, and has been burning up Paul Cole's Whatcombe gallops. The two-year-old son of the best sprinter for a decade could be rather special and is expected to make a winning debut shortly. Another Royal Ascot type.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ISTIDAAD
(4.45 Kempton Park)
Next best: Summertown
(2.10 Kempton Park)



ED BYRNE

Pennekamp sprints clear in the Prix Djebel at Evry on Saturday to maintain his position as second favourite for the 2,000 Guineas

DISTANT VIEW: Was unraced at two but made up for lost time last season when becoming one of the best milers in training. His finest hour came when winning the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, where the son of Mr Prospector beat six group one winners and smashed the track record. He did not fire in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes or Breeders' Cup Mile but looks sure to reward the decision of his owners to keep him in training with Henry Cecil, especially as he has had only seven starts.

DOUBLE TRIGGER: An unconvincing performer on the Middleham gallops, who saves his best for the racecourse. He finished third in the St Leger at Doncaster before winning the St Leger Italiano at Turin last autumn. Mark Johnston believes the lightly raced colt has matured physically over the winter and will come into his own as a four-year-old in staying events. He is likely to reappear in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot next month before being aimed for the Cup races.

OWINGTON: Was the best three-year-old over six furlongs in Europe last season and there is good reason to believe the best may still be to come. The Geoff Wragg-trained son of Green Desert twice beat his elders, including in a well-contested July Cup, and can improve again now that he has reached physical maturity. Best on good ground, he possesses a decisive turn of foot.

PENNEKAMP: He made a winning reappearance over an inadequate 6½ furlongs on Saturday and is handled by André Fabre, the best trainer in Europe. In any normal year he would be a worthy favourite for the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby, having won all four starts as a two-year-old, including the Dewhurst Stakes. The Bering colt possesses a striking turn of foot which will test Celtic Swing, especially in the Derby.

RED CARNIVAL: She cost $750,000 as a yearling and has always been held in the highest regard by Michael Stoute, whose faith in her looks sure to be rewarded in the coming months. After winning on her debut at Sandown last year, she did particularly well to land the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket, where she came from last to first inside the final furlong. Minor setbacks prevented her running again, but she has been working pleasingly of late and is set to reappear in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket tomorrow. However, her main target is the 1,000 Guineas.

STRATEGIC CHOICE: Has won a Newbury maiden and finished fifth in the French Derby, beaten only three lengths. But a swollen hind leg interrupted his season and the best is still to come from the Alleged colt, trained by Paul Cole. Unraced as a two-year-old, he has scope for considerable improvement and has been working well recently. The John Porter Stakes at Newbury could be an early-season target.

Prices differ on Pennekamp

THE André Fabre-trained Pennekamp, second only to Celtic Swing in the 2,000 Guineas and Derby betting, made a successful seasonal reappearance at Evry on Saturday.

Thierry Jarnet sent Sheikh Mohammed's three-year-old past his pacemaker, Viva Nureyev, inside the final furlong to land the Prix Djebel comfortably by a length and a half from Bene Erit.

Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager, Anthony Stroud, commented: "I was pleased with him considering that the distance was too short. Pennekamp did his job well and it's Newmarket next for the 2,000 Guineas."

Ladbrokes were less impressed, pushing Pennekamp out a point to 5-1 and shortening Celtic Swing to 5-4 favourite (from 6-4), while Corals took the opposite view, cutting the French contender to 3-1 and extending Celtic Swing to 7-4.

Macoumba produced a powerful late run to catch Smolensk in the Prix Imprudence, also run over 6½ furlongs, which prompted a shake-up in the 1,000 Guineas betting.

The Criquette Head-trained filly, completing a three-timer, is now 8-1 (from 20-1) with William Hill with Smolensk 16-1 (from 33-1). Moonshell is still 5-1 favourite.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.00 Gospel
2.30 Cache Fleur
3.00 Pridwell
3.30 Holy Joe
4.00 Nickle Joe
4.30 Cadougold

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES) SIS

2.00 EASTER SURPRISE HANDICAP HURDLE (£7,888: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners) BBC1

1	4000F5	GOSPEL 11 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Powell) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-10	C Llewellyn	93
2	534034	FOREST FEATHER 18 (B,D,S) (D Hook) C Wheeler 7-10-13	Peter Hobbs	94
3	322065	KEEP ME IN MIND 16 (S) (P Tory) N Mitchell 6-10-11	D Skyrme	93
4	16P233	LUCKY BLUE 10 (D,S) (Mrs S Palmer) N Thomson 8-10-10	R Dunwoody	96
5	0-5P213	WEE WINDY 27 (S,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 6-10-3	P Hide	95

BETTING: 11-4 Lucky Blue, 3-1 Gospel, 7-2 Wee Windy, 4-1 Keep Me In Mind, 6-1 Forest Feather.

1994: MEETING ABANDONED — WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

GOSPEL 16l 5th of 17 to What A Question in hurdle handle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good). FOREST FEATHER 16l 3rd of 7 to Call My Guest in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. KEEP ME IN MIND 81/2l 5th of 11 to Pedigan In handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, good to soft). LUCKY BLUE 19l1 and head 3rd of 22 to Squire Silk in handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 4f, good to firm). WEE WINDY beat What If 6l in 12-runner handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, soft) penultimate start. Selection: GOSPEL

2.30 FULKE WALWYN HANDICAP CHASE (£9,005: 3m) (2 runners) BBC1

1	U23132	CACHE FLEUR 16 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 9-11-11	R Dunwoody	94
2	F14551	RUN UP THE FLAG 20 (D,F,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 8-10-12	P Hide	69

BETTING: 4-5 Run Up The Flag, Evens Cache Fleur.

FORM FOCUS

CACHE FLEUR 19l 2nd of 7 to Canoscan in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, good to soft). Previously 9l and short-head 3rd of 16 to Rough Quest in handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, soft). RUN UP THE FLAG beat Percy Smollett 19l in 4-runner handicap chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, good to firm). Selection: RUN UP THE FLAG

3.00 M & N WELSH CHAMPION HURDLE (£8,721: 2m 110yd) (5 runners) BBC1

1	213205	PRIDWELL 9 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Jones) M Pipe 5-11-10	R Dunwoody	93
2	0/6P0-00	LIBERTY JAMES 22 (Mrs J Brooks) Mrs E Brooks 5-11-6	M Sherratt	50
3	0-04202	NEMURO 9 (D,S) (Turf City (Racing)) D Elsworth 7-11-6	A McCabe	85
4	-3452/0	OLYMPIAN 11 (C,D,F,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) Mrs L Murphy 8-11-6	W Marston	69
5	126135	HOME FROM THE HILL 11 (D,S,S) (Mrs R Manning) M Channon 5-11-1	A Thornton	69

BETTING: 7-4 Pridwell, 9-4 Nemuro, 3-1 Olympian, 11-2 Home From The Hill, 20-1 Liberty James.

FORM FOCUS

PRIDWELL best recent effort 2¾l 2nd of 3 to Bokaro in conditions hurdle at Haydock (2m, heavy). LIBERTY JAMES 16l 7th of 18 to Rapb in maiden hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). NEMURO 14l 2nd of 13 to Thinking Twice in handicap hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good to firm) with PRIDWELL (10lb better off) 6l 5th. OLYMPIAN best recent effort 10l 2nd of 12 to Miracle Man in grade III Sandown Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, heavy). HOME FROM THE HILL 12¾l 5th of 15 to Sweet Mignonette in grade II Seagram Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good). Selection: PRIDWELL (nap)

3.30 SPRINGTIME CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,122: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

1	15-2061	PREROGATIVE 26 (V,G,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-12-0	R Dunwoody	90
2	1-22P31	HOLY JOE 133 (CD,F,G,S) (S Lewis) D Burchell 13-11-8	D J Burchell	89
3	0005	KARPOV 14 (V) (J Peat) P Rodford 5-11-5	S Fox (5)	97
4	43101/P	SWAHILI RUN 25 (F) (S Gallagher) Mrs L Murphy 7-11-5	D Fortt (5)	—
5	100-34F	ACCESS SUN 7F (C,F,S) (Dalton Ltd) J King 5-11-2	A Thornton	76
6	/5-P	UP THE LADDER 37P (F,S,S) (Mrs H Hogben) C Broad 11-10-13	W Marston	—
7		VELVET IMAGE (Mrs D Thomas) Mrs D Thomas 8-10-11	P Hide	—

BETTING: 5-4 Prerogative, 7-4 Holy Joe, 6-1 Access Sun, 12-1 Up The Ladder, 14-1 Kallcon, 16-1 Swahili Run, 25-1 Velvet Image.

4.00 EASTER BONNET HANDICAP CHASE (£3,556: 2m 3f 110yd) (5 runners)

1	9311P2	SAFFAAH 16 (B,S) (Broadmeadow Racing) M Pipe 8-12-0	R Dunwoody	94
2	0542-P3	MR JAMBOREE 31 (F,G) (Mrs D Lourado) K Bailey 9-11-8	A Thornton	91
3	543135	NICKLE JOE 18 (C,D,F,S,S) (M Tate) M Tate 9-11-4	W Marston	89
4	35P12F	RAINBOW CASTLE 27 (D,S) (Findon Cricket Racing Club) J Gifford 8-10-1	P Hide	95
5	P-33R34	WILLIE MCGARR 83 (S,S) (Mrs D Thomas) Mrs D Thomas 10-10-0	D J Burchell	88

Long handicap: Willie McGarr 8-12.

BETTING: 2-1 Saffaah, 9-4 Nickle Joe, 3-1 Mr Jamboree, 4-1 Rainbow Castle, 16-1 Willie McGarr.

4.30 CASTLE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,794: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1	0-4PP	BUCKLEY'S COURT 154 (Court Jesters Partnership) A Turnell 6-11-2	D Fortt (5)	56
2	60-P0	CHIPPENDALE LADD 23 (C (Castle)) M Muggeridge 5-11-2	W Marston	—
3	P-	JIM CANTLE 296F (G Richards) Graham Richards 5-11-2	M Sherratt	—
4	0	KATIE'S KID 19 (Mrs S Hennessy) M Avern 5-11-2	B Williamson (7)	57
5	2F3165	CADOUGOLD 10 (S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 4-11-0	R Dunwoody	98
6	1	RACER 23 (G) (D) (A Idle) and A Johnson) P Rodford 4-11-0	S Fox (5)	76
7	00P3	BOWCLIFFE 23 (Million In Mind Partnership) J Gifford 4-10-10	P Hide	72
8	06	CLASSIC PAL 14 (P Tory) N Mitchell 4-10-10	D Skyrme	—

BETTING: 4-6 Cadougold, 9-2 Rash, 5-1 Bowcliffe, 12-1 Classic Pal, Katie's Kid, 16-1 Buckley's Court, 20-1 Chippendale Ladd, 33-1 Jim Cantle.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%
M Pipe	58	226	25.7
N Twiston-Davies	17	85	20.0
C Broad	4	22	18.2
J King	4	22	18.2
A Turnell	4	28	14.3
D Burchell	4	28	14.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Dunwoody	28	106	24.5
P Hide	5	23	21.7
D J Burchell	4	27	14.8
C Llewellyn	14	100	14.0
W Marston	4	35	11.4
Only qualifiers			

Curling collects five winners at Axe Vale

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

POLLY CURLING became the first woman to ride five winners at a point-to-point when she was successful on all her rides for Richard Barber's stable at the Axe Vale on Saturday. The feat has only been achieved twice before, by Robin Greenway and Nigel Bloom.

In her first two rides, Curling had Shirley Vickery behind her in second place. Vickery was on the favourite, Spring To It, in the confined and disputed with the Curling-ridden Archie's Nephew until giving way on the run-in to go down by four lengths. Only two ran in the Ladies' where Clandon Jack was always in command over Vickery's My Mellow Man.

With two months of the season still to go, Curling has already had 29 winners, 12 more than Simon Andrews whose only success on Saturday was a walk-over at the Essex and Suffolk.

Alistair Crow drew a blank at the North Staffordshire but remains in second place, one ahead of Evan Williams, who rode a treble for Dick Baimbridge's stable at the Ledbury. Baimbridge also provided the winner of the restricted, Split Second.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Brass Of Derwent, Tranwell, 3 miles SW of Morpeth (first race 2.00); East Kent, Aldington, 6m SE of Ashford (2.00); Eggesford, Bishopsleigh, 9m NE of Crediton (1.30); Essex Farmers and Union, Marks Tey, 5m W of Colchester (2.00); Four Burrow, Hackthorpe, 1m W of town (2.00); North Cotswold and Duworsford, 6m SE of Cheltenham (2.00); Old Berkshire, Lockinge, 2m S of Wantage (2.00); South Notts, Thorpe Lodge, 3m SW of Newark (2.00), South Pembrokeshire, Lydstep, 3m SW of Tenby (2.00); South Shropshire, Eyton on Severn, 6m SE of Shrewsbury (2.00); Southdown and Eridge, Heathfield, 1m E of town (2.00); Staffordshire, Cramm Park, 5m SW of Scarborough (2.00); Taunton Vale, Kingston St Mary, 3m N of Taunton (2.00); Vine and Craven, Hackwood Park, 2m SE of Basingstoke (2.00).

Results, see facing page

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.10 Summertown
2.40 Young Buster
3.10 Moonlight Quest
3.40 Al Rawda
4.15 Secret Aly
4.45 ISTIDAAD (nap)
5.15 Champagne Grundy
5.45 Silver Sting

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 ISTIDAAD.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 FLORID (nap).
3.10 Moonlight Quest, 4.45 Istidaad.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 STARK MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,773: 7f) (12 runners)

101	(10)	4/0000-	BID FOR A RAINBOW 137J (Mrs K Breslin) Mrs M Long 4-9-10	T Field (7)	—
102	(3)	8-65	ELA PALIKARI MOU 90 (A Michael) R Akehurst 4-9-10	S Sanders (3)	—
103	(9)	2-	RASMI 313 (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 4-9-10	R Hills	83
104	(2)		EDAN HEIGHTS (T Mountain) S Dow 3-8-10	G Duffield	—
105	(8)	0-6	FAWLI 24 (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-10	W Carson	94
106	(5)	0-	GOODWERSHAM PARK 164 (W Patterson) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-10	D Harrison	—
107	(7)		IRONIC (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 3-8-10	B Thomson	—
108	(6)		PASTENERS (S Phanjoubha) R McAuliffe 3-8-10	R Cochrane	—
109	(4)	4-5	YUBRALEE 24 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-10	W R Swinburn	90
110	(11)	0-0	EQUITY'S DARLING 11 (Imlaw Racing) M Bell 3-8-5	M Fenton	82
111	(12)	52-	FRANCFURTER 161 (Clayden Sun) R Charlton 3-8-5	T Sprake	91
112	(7)	3-	SUMMERTOWN 198 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-5	L Dettori	93

BETTING: 5-2 Summertown, 5-1 Ironic, 6-1 Fawli, Francfurter, 7-1 Rasmi, Yubralee, 12-1 Ela Palikari Mou, 14-1 Edan Heights, 16-1 others.

1994: RIVER DEEP 3 8-3 T Quinn (8-15 fav) P Cole 12 ran

2.40 MAGNOLIA STAKES (Listed race: £12,713: 1m 2f) (10 runners) C4

201	(7)	2512/34-	CAPTAIN HORATIUS 190 (CD,F,G,S) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 8-9-5	W R Swinburn	88
202	(5)	262331-	PERSIAN BRAVE 125J (D,F,G,S) (R Michaelson) M Bell 5-9-2	M Fenton	96
203	(6)	445525-	ALRIFFA 127 (B,CD,F,S) (Sheikh Essa Bin Maktarah) R Hannon 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	96
204	(3)	413435-	OLD HICKORY 238 (D,F) (S Al Kabeel) L Cumani 4-9-0	L Dettori	85
205	(4)	123143-	YOUNG BUSTER 199 (CD,F,G,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 3-9-0	M Hills	—
206	(9)	4554-20	CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 23 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-8-11	B Doyle	83
207	(8)	0/44341-	FLORID 193 (S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 4-8-11	W Ryan	97
208	(2)	0313621-	GOLDEN BALL 175 (G) (Lord Weinstock & S Weinstock) M Stoute 4-8-11	W Carson	94
209	(1)	21/3250-	MEDITERRANEO 119 (G) (S & D Whitney) R Akehurst 4-8-11	A Clark	78
210	(10)	223033-	GIRL FROM IPANEMA 153 (G) (C Wright) P Cole 4-8-9	T Quinn	96

BETTING: 11-4 Mollie, 3-1 Young Buster, 9-2 Captain Horatius, 7-1 Persian Brave, 8-1 Girl From Ipanema, Florid, 10-1 Golden Ball, 12-1 others.

1994: WOOTTON RIVERS 4-8-11 M Hills (16-1) P Chapple-Hyam 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN HORATIUS 7¾l 4th of 11 to Indo Dorado in the listed Intermacombe Saficon Bavaria Trophy at Munich (1m 3f, soft). PERSIAN BRAVE beat Strategic Choice 1l in the group III Cazoral St Simon Stakes at Newbury (1m 4f, heavy). ALRIFFA 3½l 2nd of 8 to Royal Ballerina in the group II Blandford Stakes at The Curragh (1m 3f, yielding to soft) on penultimate start. YOUNG BUSTER 3¾l 3rd of 6 to Lahnk in the listed RDA Foundation Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 15l 8th of 11 to Fire Worshipper in a conditions stakes at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm). FLORID beat Blush Rambler 3l in a 5-runner conditions stakes at Haydock (1m 4f, soft). GOLDEN BALL 14¾l 2nd of 4 to Corner Chief in a conditions stakes at Leicester (1m 4f, good). GIRL FROM IPANEMA 3l 3rd of 10 to Ardana in the group III Premio Regina Margherita Sergio Cumani at San Siro (1m, heavy) on penultimate start. Selection: CAPTAIN HORATIUS

3.10 QUEEN'S PRIZE (Handicap: £11,089: 2m) (20 runners) C4

301	(14)	121160-	HARLESTONE BROOK 184 (F,G,S) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 5-10-0	W Carson	90
302	(11)	213410-	ALWAYS ALOOF 244 (F,G) (S Hanbury) M Stoute 4-9-12	W R Swinburn	88
303	(18)	005231-	WELL ARRANGED 128J (S) (Mrs A M Hamilton) R Akehurst 4-9-6	T Quinn	90
304	(13)	6/0126-	PARADISE NAVY 163J (B,G) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 6-9-5	B Thomson	89
305	(6)	6/05006-	STONEY VALLEY 17J (F,G) (Ellis & Partners Ltd) J Jenkins 5-9-4	Pat Eddery	95
306	(2)	406042-	BLAZE AWAY 185 (F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-3	L Dettori	89
307	(15)	2220-50	CHAMBORAZO 40 (B) (Wilkinson) S McMath 4-9-0	R Cochrane	94
308	(19)	36050-1	MOONLIGHT QUEST 10 (C,D,F,G,S) (B Hanbury) B Hanbury 7-9-0	T Ives	93
309	(6)	553160-	TRIPLE TIE 23J (G) (The Cheapside Syndicate) M Blanshard 4-8-13	W Ryan	92
310	(7)	040240-	CHIEF'S SONG 34J (Mrs A Deverell) S Dow 5-8-13	D Harrison	86
311	(10)	130240-	DOYCE 184 (F,G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 6-8-12	G Duffield	90
312	(12)	01510-1	LAUNCH 16 (6,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 4-8-10	J Williams	98
313	(5)	020/10-4	WILD STRAWBERRY 51 (F,G) (Copthorne Ltd) Miss B Sanders 6-8-9	S Sanders (3)	97
314	(13)	024364-	PHIL'S TIME 16 (B) (T Morgan) T Mitchell 4-8-9	R Hills	96
315	(17)	533400-	CHAKALAK 184 (D,F,G) (P Chalkley) S Dow 7-8-8	A Martinez	90
316	(16)	054301-	UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 24 (F) (C Brittain) C Brittain 5-8-7	B Doyle	94
317	(4)	0050/00-	TOP SPIN 33J (C,F,G) (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 6-8-6	G Hind	—
318	(20)	2-11239	ARGYLE CAVALIER 24 (D,F,G,S) (E Jones) M Johnston 5-8-6	M Hills	92
319	(9)	26614-0	STALLED 25 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Walwyn) P Walwyn 5-7-12	A Mackay	91
320	(1)	06-5120	SHELTERED COVE 48 (D,F,G) (P Cunningham-Brown) 4-7-10	Darren Moffatt (3)	94

BETTING: 5-1 Moonlight Quest, 10-1 Always Aloof, Blaze Away, Stoney Valley, Upper Mount Clair, Well Arranged, 12-1 Lahnk, Scatfell, 14-1 Argyle Cavalier, Harlestone Brook, 16-1 Doyce, 20-1 others.

1994: JONSALAM 4-8-13 D Holland (16-1) T Ellis 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALWAYS ALOOF beat Honey Mount 2¼l in a 9-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start, with PHIL'S TIME (12lb better off) 1¾l 3rd. WELL ARRANGED beat Archer Courier 3l in a 10-runner maiden at Lingfield (1m 6f, soft). PARADISE NAVY 8l 2nd of 15 to Jonsalam at this race last year (soft) with DOYCE (11lb better off) 8l 3rd and CHAKALAK (10lb better off) 39l 10th. BLAZE AWAY 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Trans Sidera in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm). Earlier 2¾l 4th of 13 to Blushing Flame in a handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm) with CHIEF'S SONG (11lb better off) 4l 6th. MOONLIGHT QUEST beat Rolling The Bones 9l in a 20-runner handicap at Beverley (2m, good to firm). LAUNCH beat Smuggling head in a 14-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, good to soft) with PHIL'S TIME (9lb better off) 11l 4th. UPPER MOUNT CLAIR beat Mouton 7¾l in a 14-runner handicap at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to firm) with ARGYLE CAVALIER (4lb better off) 11¾l 10th. ARGYLE CAVALIER 1½l 2nd of 33 to Captain's Guest in a handicap at Newmarket (2m 2f, good to firm) October 1994, with HARLESTONE BROOK (2lb better off) 9¾l 13th. DOYCE (11lb better off) 21l 17th. CHAKALAK (12lb better off) 14l 25th and TOP SPIN (14lb better off) 9l 28th. STALLED beat Star Quest ¾l in a 13-runner amateurs handicap at Lingfield (AW, 2m) on penultimate start. SHELTERED COVE neck 2nd of 10 to Princely Gait in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 2m) with WILD STRAWBERRY (2lb better off) 12¾l 4th and UPPER MOUNT CLAIR (11lb worse off) 13l 10th. Selection: PARADISE NAVY

3.40 QUAIL CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,996: 6f) (10 runners) C4

401	(9)	1315-	FIRE DOME 191 (G) (M Al-Shaikh) T Mitchell 9-4	W R Swinburn	98
402	(6)	211153-	LENNOX LEWIS 219 (C,D,F) (Mrs A Jones) R Hannon 9-4	B Thomson	85
403	(7)	11655-	AL NUFOOTH 243 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) W Haggas 9-4	W Carson	94
404	(10)	21422-0	ANNIVERSARYPRESENT 23 (B,F) (D Sainer) G Lewis 9-0	Pat Eddery	94
405	(8)	23134-5	WELTON ARSENAL 23 (D,F) (Baroness Farms Estates) M Channon 9-0	M Hills	88
406	(4)	1-	KAYRAWAN 192 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) M Thompson Jones 8-13	R Hills	97
407	(5)	32136-1	SERGEYEV 11 (G) (S Stewart-Brown) R Hannon 8-13	T Quinn	92
408	(1)	140-	ROCKVILLE PIKE 304 (G) (H Nassr) S Dow 8-10	D Harrison	85
409	(3)	124-	AL RAWDA 177 (D,F) (Prince A A Faisal) H Cecil 8-7	W Ryan	88
410	(2)	36125-	OVERBROOK 177 (D,G) (Sir William Purves) I Balding 8-7	L Dettori	97

BETTING: 7-2 Al Rawda, 4-1 Overbrook, 5-1 Kayrawan, 6-1 Fire Dome, Al Nufooth, 8-1 Sergeyev, 12-1 Welton Arsenal, 16-1 others.

1994: MIDHISH 4-9-2 W R Swinburn (15-8) 2 Hannon, 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIRE DOME beat Veuve Hoornaert ¾l in a 6-runner conditions stakes at Ascot (5f, good) on penultimate start. LENNOX LEWIS 7½l and head 3rd of 3 to Kamaal in a conditions stakes at Doncaster (6f, good) AL NUFOOTH 7½l 5th of 11 to Philly Billy in the group II Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes at York (6f, good to firm) WELTON ARSENAL 4¼l 5th of 10 to Jurosh in a conditions stakes at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) with ANNIVERSARYPRESENT 2¼l 9th. KAYRAWAN beat Shelaag 1¼l in a 4-runner maiden at Ascot (6f, good to firm). SERGEYEV beat Emergency Market 5l in a 6-runner conditions stakes at Brighton (7f, good). AL RAWDA 1l 4th of 9 to Carcas in the Listed Newgate Pre-Trial Race, Stakes at Newbury (7f 55yd, heavy). OVERBROOK 7¾l 5th of 5 to Painted Maiden in the listed Cornwallis Stakes at Doncaster (6f, good to soft). Earlier 4l 2nd of 7 to Mimmsham in the group III Formosa Stakes at Ascot (6f, good to firm) with FIRE DOME (8lb worse off) 2½l 5th. Selection: OVERBROOK

4.15 WESTMINSTER-MOTOR TAXI INSURANCE ROSEBERY HANDICAP (£13,588: 1m 2f) (24 runners) C4

501	(24)	10125-0	COUNTRY LOVER 23 (BF,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-10-0	D Harrison	82
502	(12)	51130-0	SUE'S ARTISTE 23 (D,G,S) (A Morton) S Hall 4-9-12	M Hills	85
503	(16)	616415-	BLUSHING FLAME 163 (D,F,G) M Stoute 4-9-12	W R Swinburn	85
504	(1)	15.010-0	WEIRDRUSH LADY 23 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Corn) M Masterman 4-9-7	T Ives	80
505	(8)	5/41040-	LAXFORD BRIDGE 191 (D,F) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-7	G Duffield	80
506	(22)	10112-4	RORY 10 (F,G) (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-10	S Whitworth	94
507	(11)	10200-0	ROBSERA 23 (C,F) (C Sabey) C Lewis 4-9-6	W Ryan	82
508	(2)	50-4411-	SPECIAL DAWN 322 (D,F,S) (Windflower Holdings Ltd) J Dunlop 5-9-5	Pat Eddery	91
509	(20)	316116-	LOCOROTONDO 185 (D,F,S) (The Pin Partnership) M Bell 4-9-5	M Fenton	94
510	(23)	00-1101	BENFLEET 11 (D,G,S) (C Dennison) R Fahey 4-9-5	L Dettori	90
511	(18)	50000-5	SHOW FAITH 11 (E,S) (J Wright) R Hannon 5-9-5	D Gillett (7)	90
512	(2)	016/50-0	UNCLE OSWALD 25 (F) (Norford Company) R Hannon 4-9-5	B Thomson	90
513	(17)	44-1151	EOTESAAD 16 (D,G) (J Lowe) S Williams 4-9-4	G Hind	83
514	(6)	122133-	PROTON 163 (G,S) (The Persian War Partnership) P Walwyn 5-9-1	T Quinn	80
515	(13)	122602	RED VALERIAN 16 (B,F,G) (R Cummings) A Mactaggart 4-8-12	R Cochrane	89
516	(4)	60-2300	FOLLY FINNESSE 18 (S) (R Attwood) B Millman 4-8-10	J Williams	87
517	(14)	11-0312	SECRET ALY 55 (D,G) (B Nash) C Brittain 5-8-10	B Doyle	69
518	(10)	6003-	KHAYRAPOUR 343 (D,F) (Mrs J Semple) F Mosher 4-8-10	A Clark	60
519	(21)	002000-	ZEBRALITY 191 (S) (Clarke Cowan M Jones 5-8-10	T Sprake	87
520	(5)	131	EL ATREVIDO 19 (D,F) (Mrs A Brooks) N Vaughan 5-8-10	P Hide	93
521	(15)	4020-00	ROI DE LA MER 11 (Hambleton Developments Ltd) J Akehurst 4-8-10	S Sanders (3)	88
522	(7)	03030-6	PRENOMAMOSS 24 (M,F,G) (Mrs W Dean) D Whelan 7-8-7	A Whelan (5)	87
523	(19)	6/F0004-	NO SPEECHES 131 (R Cross) C Cyzer 4-8-6	P McCabe (5)	—
524	(9)	00-2512	A MILLION WATTS 16 (BF,F,G) (J Constable) Lady Herries 4-8-1	W Carson	84

BETTING: 8-1 Burning Flame, 9-1 S Melfor Walls, 10-1 Proton, Special Dawn, 12-1 Secret Aly, 14-1 Country Lover, 16-1 Locorotondo, Robsera, Folly Show Faith, Sue's Artiste, Uncle Oswald, 20-1 El Atrevido, 25-1 Enfescaid, Folly Finesse, Prenomamoss, Windrush Lady, 33-1 others.

1994: SWIFT SILVER 7-7-1 S Lanigan (15-1) W Mochrie 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUE'S ARTISTE 13l 7th of 11 to Fire Worshipper in a conditions stakes at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) with WINDRUSH LADY 17lb better off, 12l 11th. LAXFORD BRIDGE 5¾l 4th of 15 to Hailing in a handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 110yd, good to soft) with SECRET ALY 14lb better off) 15l 10th. SUE'S ARTISTE 11lb better off) 5l 13th and SHOW FAITH 19lb better off) 3l 15th. RORY 4l 4th of 15 to Jayzee County in a handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). SPECIAL DAWN beat Persona 1¼l in a 15-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft). LOCOROTONDO completed double beat Quango 3¼l in a 7-runner conditions stakes at Redcar (1m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start. BENFLEET beat Superlumma short-head in a handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good, with SHOW FAITH 14lb better off) 1¾l 3rd and ROI DE LA MER 16lb better off) 11¾l 10th. EOTESAAD beat A BILLION WATTS 11lb better off) 6l and 7l in 4-runner handicaps at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). PROTON 4½l 3rd of 24 to Stone Island in a handicap at Doncaster

Young Buster primed for winning start

CHEPSTOW
BBC1



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.00: Lucky Blue showed that his third behind Allegation at Cheltenham last month was no fluke when running a cracking race behind Squire Silk at Aintree, battling on well in the closing stages. A reproduction of either of those runs would be good enough here. Gospel has been disappointing for most of this season but Forest Feather would have a chance on the best of last season's form.

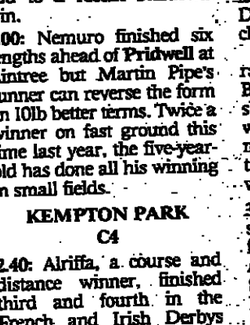
2.30: The likelihood of a falsely-run race could help Cache Fleur, who is not the quickest of jumpers, but preference is for **Run Up The Flag**. Josh Gifford's bold-jumping chaser goes well on this ground and can add to a recent Sandown win.

3.00: Nemuro finished six lengths ahead of Pridwell at Aintree but Martin Pipe's runner can reverse the form on 10lb better terms. Twice a winner on fast ground this time last year, the five-year-old has done all his winning in small fields.

KEMPTON PARK
C4

2.40: Aliriffa, a course and distance winner, finished third and fourth in the French and Irish Derbys respectively last year. A reproduction of that form would be good enough, but he may prefer further, as may Florid and Persian Brave.

Girl From Ipanema, placed in group company last term, is well treated by the race conditions but preference in a tricky race is for **Young Buster**. Geoff Wragg's charge is a ten-furlong specialist who invariably runs well first time out and goes on fast ground.



Wragg: Kempton hope

3.10: **Blaze Away** started last season off a handicap mark of 97 after showing good form as a two-year-old. Ian Balding's runner failed to live up to such expectations and gradually came down in ratings, ending the season off 73 when finishing a good second at Newmarket. He runs well fresh, the step up to two miles should be in his favour and, with Frankie Dettori riding, is a tentative choice in an open race.

Moonlight Quest has been raised 7lb for an easy win at Beverley ten days ago but should be thereabouts, along with the well-handicapped maiden, Phil's Time, whose trainer sent out last year's winner.

3.40: Mick Channon has his string well forward and the favourably drawn Welton Arsenal is a value proposition. He travelled well for a long way behind Juyush at Doncaster (Anniversarypresent finished eighth) before running out of steam. Today's shorter trip should suit. Overbrook beat a below-form Fire Dome in the Cornwallis Stakes and is better off here, but is poorly drawn. The lighty-raced Al Rawda is almost certainly open to improvement.

4.15: An impossible-looking handicap where stakes should be kept to a minimum. Show Faith has come tumbling down the weights and ran very well under ten stone on his reappearance. The lightly-built A Million Watts will relish his feather-weight after some good form on the all-weather and Willie Carson is an interesting booking. However, preference is for **Rory**, who finished a good fourth at Beverley ten days ago, is reunited with Sean Mulvey, a useful apprentice successful on Julie Cecil's runner last season.

RICHARD EVANS

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
2.20 Red Simba. 2.50 La Suquet. 3.20 Captain Carat. 3.50 Red Bustaan. 4.20 Risky Romeo. 4.50 Memorable.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 EASTER EGG CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,139: 5f 13yd) (7 runners)

1 3 RED SIMBA 17 J Berry 8-12 ..... G Carter 1
2 3323 ARMZIES 7 M Channon 8-8 ..... R Hughes 6
3 ROWNDME M Channon 8-8 ..... Candy Morris 7
4 DOMINGTON PARK J A Harris 8-1 ..... M Varley (5) 3
5 ORANGE AND BLUE (J) M Jarvis 8-1 ..... P Robinson 2
6 4 TAKAPUNA 9 R Hannon 8-1 ..... S Raymont 4
7 45 DEAKEN DANCER 11 K Ivory 7-11 ..... D Biggs 5

3-1 Takapuna, 7-2 Anzoes, 4-1 Red Simba, 8-2 Orange And Blue, 5-1 Rowndme, 8-1 Deakin Dancer, 14-1 Donington Park.

2.50 ROBIN HOOD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,888: 5f 13yd) (10)

1 2-0 COASTAL BLUFF 16 T Barron 9-0 ..... J Fortune 6
2 50-3 HONEY TRADER 16 J Berry 9-0 ..... G Carter 10
3 65-8 JO MAXIMUS 18 S Dow 9-0 ..... Stephen Davies 3
4 -042 MISTER RAIDER 7 S Mellor 9-0 ..... A Daly (7) 1
5 40-6 PERFECT WORLD 23 B Meehan 9-0 ..... K Fallon 7
6 56- SIZZLING 359 R Hannon 9-0 ..... P Robinson 5
7 6-5 KELLARE GIRL 21 G Lewis 8-9 ..... S Whitworth 8
8 -422 LA SUQUET 13 M Channon 8-9 ..... R Hughes 2
9 505- LEISURE BELLE 209 Mrs A King 8-9 ..... A Garth (5) 4
10 60- MISS LAUGHTER 174 J Hills 8-9 ..... N Adams 9

4-1 Coastal Bluff, 9-2 La Suquet, 5-1 Perfect World, 6-1 Honey Trader, Jo Maximus, Sizzling, 7-1 Mister Raider, 8-1 others.

3.20 FAMILY DAY OUT HANDICAP
(£3,340: 6f 15yd) (18)

1 300- COOL EDGE 226 (CD,F) M Tompkins 4-10-0 ..... P Robinson 18
2 2-30 CAPTAIN CARAT 12 (CD,F) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-13 ..... K Fallon 2
3 50-4 FIRST GOLD 18 (CD,F,G,S) J Wharton 6-9-11 ..... J Quinn 11
4 1511 SIR TASKER 23 (D,F,G) J L Harris 7-9-9 ..... D Biggs (5) 9
5 30-0 MU-ARRIK 12 (V,D,F,G) B Dilkprd 7-9-6 ..... D Gibbs (5) 12
6 5000 EDUCATED PET 44 (D,F,G,S) B Preece 6-9-3 ..... J Stack (5) 13
7 0550 GIGGLESWICK GIRL 14 (D,G) M Channon 4-9-0 ..... R Hughes 5
8 1-50 TIDDY OGGIE 14 (G) N Graham 4-8-12 ..... G Carter 1
9 50-0 MOST UPPITY 16 (F) J Berry 3-8-12 ..... S Whitworth 15
10 0030 TWICE IN BUNDORAN 16 (G) P Felgate 4-8-11 ..... S Dawson (5) 14
11 050- KILLY'S FILLY 226J (D,G) J Bradley 5-8-10 ..... D Biggs (5) 16
12 3-06 AMELIC DANCER 13 (B,D,F) S Bowring 4-8-9 ..... C Teague (5) 7
13 512- FAIRY FAY 142 (D,G) B McMath 3-8-8 ..... R Street 4
14 102-4 SAXON KING 13 M Usher 5-8-6 ..... L Charnock 6
15 000- ASTERIX 159 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 7-8-5 ..... R Hughes 8
16 021- DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 137 (D,G) P Felgate 5-8-3 ..... D Wright (3) 13
17 6-60 CHILLY TIME 13 (V) Mrs L Murphy 4-7-7 ..... R Adams 8
18 /00- GATE OF HEAVEN 390 John Berry 5-7-7 ..... N Kennedy 10

4-1 Six Tasker, 5-1 First Gold, 6-1 Saxon King, 8-1 Fairy Fay, 10-1 Cool Edge Double Splendour, 12-1 others.

3.50 EASTER BONNET HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,070: 1m 1f 213yd) (14)

1 -149- SHINING HIGH 209 J Dunlop 9-7 ..... Stephen Davies 10
2 312- RED BUSTAAN 179 (G) A Stewart 9-4 ..... S Whitworth 13
3 30-1 SILENTLY 12 (D,S) I Balding 9-3 ..... D Loughnane (5) 5
4 045- TUCAN 172 H Cecil 9-3 ..... R Hughes 9
5 110- ELRIN LAUGHTER 222 (F,G) R Hannon 9-0 ..... G Carter 12
6 002- KRISTAL'S PARADISE 209 J Dunlop 9-0 ..... J Stack (5) 14
7 063- MILLION DANCER 182 M Pipe 9-13 ..... D Gibbs (7) 1
8 10-0 DR EDGAR 25 (F) G Wragg 8-12 ..... P Robinson 2
9 602- EDEN'S STAR 215 M Tompkins 8-8 ..... K Fallon 4
10 600- ADVANCE EAST 152 Mrs J Ramsden 8-7 ..... M Tebbutt 3
11 000- MILAN 172 D Morley 8-6 ..... Candy Morris 6
12 4-45 HIMALAYAN BLUE 14 M Channon 8-5 ..... J Fortune 8
13 0042 CHALDON HERRING 7 (G) T Barron 8-4 ..... J Quinn 11
14 2102 OUR TOM 12 (G) J Wharton 8-1 ..... A Garth (5) 4

5-1 Tucan, 6-1 Shining High, Silently, 7-1 Red Bustaan, Million Dancer, 8-1 Kristal's Paradise, 10-1 others.

4.20 EASTER MONDAY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,553: 1m 54yd) (20)

1 1-40 RISKY ROMEO 16 (D,G) G Bravery 9-7 ..... C Hodgson (3) 3
2 031- ANNA BANNANNA 268 (F) M Pipe 9-7 ..... J Quinn 11
3 3-01 BUSY BANANA 10 (F,G) R Hannon 9-6 ..... J Fortune 16
4 031- SHOT THE SHERIFF 137 (G) P Cole 9-3 ..... D Biggs (3) 10
5 606- DANCE OF JOY 182 J Dunlop 9-2 ..... M Tebbutt 20
6 5000 EDUCATED PET 44 (D,F,G,S) B Preece 6-9-3 ..... J D Smith (5) 8
7 0550 GIGGLESWICK GIRL 14 (D,G) M Channon 4-9-0 ..... R Hughes 5
8 1-50 TIDDY OGGIE 14 (G) N Graham 4-8-12 ..... G Carter 1
9 50-0 MOST UPPITY 16 (F) J Berry 3-8-12 ..... S Whitworth 15
10 0030 TWICE IN BUNDORAN 16 (G) P Felgate 4-8-11 ..... S Dawson (5) 14
11 050- KILLY'S FILLY 226J (D,G) J Bradley 5-8-10 ..... D Biggs (3) 16
12 3-06 AMELIC DANCER 13 (B,D,F) S Bowring 4-8-9 ..... C Teague (5) 7
13 512- FAIRY FAY 142 (D,G) B McMath 3-8-8 ..... R Street 4
14 102-4 SAXON KING 13 M Usher 5-8-6 ..... L Charnock 6
15 000- ASTERIX 159 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 7-8-5 ..... R Hughes 8
16 021- DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 137 (D,G) P Felgate 5-8-3 ..... D Wright (3) 13
17 6-60 CHILLY TIME 13 (V) Mrs L Murphy 4-7-7 ..... R Adams 8
18 /00- GATE OF HEAVEN 390 John Berry 5-7-7 ..... N Kennedy 10

4-1 Six Tasker, 5-1 First Gold, 6-1 Saxon King, 8-1 Fairy Fay, 10-1 Cool Edge Double Splendour, 12-1 others.

WARWICK

THUNDERER
2.05 Rhumba Dancer. 2.35 Matamoros. 3.05 Storiths. 3.35 Son Of Sharp Shot. 4.05 Calling Jamaica. 4.35 Executive Design. 5.05 Paley Prince.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.05 LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,377: 5f) (11 runners)

1 ANOTHERANNIVERSARY C Lewis 8-11 ..... Paul Eddery 10
2 GRACIOUS GRETCLO C Hill 8-11 ..... M Roberts 2
3 KOSSOLIAN B Palling 8-11 ..... J Weaver 1
4 MELOS Ronald Thompson 8-11 ..... F Norton 7
5 MRS MCALINDER B Smart 8-11 ..... R Perham 4
6 PING-PONG BALL T Watson 8-11 ..... N Carlisle 9
7 0 PHUMBA DANCER 16 R Hannon 8-11 ..... J Reid 11
8 SAM COLES S Mellor 8-11 ..... W Newnes 8
9 SATELLITE STAR M Channon 8-11 ..... C Rutter 6
10 SWIFTY IMPTY J Berry 8-11 ..... S D Williams 5
11 VICTORIA VENTURE S Woods 8-11 ..... W Woods 3

5-2 Rhumba Dancer, 3-1 Swifty Moy, 7-2 Satellite Star, 5-1 Victoria Venture, 6-1 Another Anniversary, 10-1 Sam Coles, 12-1 Kossolian, 14-1 others.

2.35 BBC CWR HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,465: 1m 2f 169yd) (16)

1 345- OAKBURY 123 R Hannon 9-7 ..... J Weaver 13
2 055- ARCTIC POPPY 217 I Balding 9-2 ..... W Newnes 8
3 050- MATAMOROS 181 J Dunlop 9-2 ..... J Reid 7
4 40-3 DONT SHOOT FAIRIES 10 C Brittain 9-2 ..... M Roberts 6
5 00-0 CRESTED KNIGHT 25 C Horgan 9-2 ..... Paul Eddery 1
6 0-35 HOWDUA RIVER 38 (BF) P Cowgill 9-11 ..... R Hughes (7) 15
7 000- MUCH TOO HIGH 215 T Naughton 8-11 ..... R Perham 3
8 4100 MO'S MAIN MAN 16 (G) S Dow 8-11 ..... F Norton 12
9 056- MOST WELCOME NEWS 147 J Jenkins 8-1 ..... R Price 16
10 000- LITTLE SECRET 195 T Jones 8-1 ..... A McGlone 11
11 000- SPECIALICE 214 K Burke 8-0 ..... D R McCabe (7) 4
12 1065 POLY ROAD 12 (G) M Channon 7-13 ..... C Rutter 9
13 600- ROMANTIC FOLLY 200 B Meehan 7-12 ..... M Baird (5) 12
14 00-0 JUST FUZZY 13 (G) J Wharton 7-12 ..... R Mullen (7) 10
15 00-4 GULF BAY 56 M Bell 7-7 ..... G Baxter 5
16 -006 PINK PETAL 13 C Hill 7-7 ..... G Carter 14

9-2 Matamoros, 5-1 Arctic Poppy, 11-2 Howqua River, 6-1 Dont Shoot Fairies, 8-1 Poly Road, Gulf Bay, 10-1 Oakbury, Crested Knight, 12-1 others.

3.05 458TH ANNIVERSARY CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,163: 7f) (7)

1 003-1 PALACEGATE TOUCH 12 (V,D,E,S) J Berry 5-9-9 ..... S D Williams 4
2 533- STORITHS 177 (B,F,G) J Watts 5-9-3 ..... J Reid 1
3 504- STAR TALENT 248 (D,E,S) D Elsworth 4-9-1 ..... Paul Eddery 2
4 /12- MASNAD 295 (F) R Armstrong 4-9-0 ..... R Price 5
5 /13- WEATHER BREAK 170 (F) H Candy 4-9-0 ..... W Newnes 6
6 44-0 COOL JAZZ 23 (G) C Brittain 4-8-12 ..... M Rimmer 3
7 -5A- DAMER BLANC 16J (G,S) M Pipe 5-8-10 ..... A McGlone 3

9-4 Storiths, 3-1 Palacegate Touch, 4-1 Masnad, 5-1 Cool Jazz, 6-1 Star Talent, 16-1 Weather Break, 25-1 Damier Blanc.

3.35 HIGH TENSILE BOLTS HANDICAP
(£4,138: 1m 2f 169yd) (12)

1 150- MIDNIGHT JAZZ 297 (F,G) W O'Gorman 5-10-0 ..... Emma O'Gorman 10
2 20-2 SOUTHERN POWER 10 (G) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 ..... J Weaver 3
3 -120 POWER 32 (G) C Brittain 4-9-11 ..... M Rimmer 8
4 611- SON OF SHARP SHOT 174 (F,G,S) J Dunlop 5-9-10 ..... Paul Eddery 4
5 100- CONIC HILL 35J (B,F) R Baker 4-9-8 ..... W Newnes 7
6 10-6 UN PARFUM DE FEMME 16 (CD,F,S) J Pearce 4-9-6 ..... G Bardwell 12
7 /40- TONY'S MIST 17J (G,S) J Bradley 5-8-5 ..... R Price 1
8 54-0 PISTOL 11 (G) C Horgan 5-8-10 ..... W Woods 11
9 00-0 TOTAL JOY 11 (F) P Cole 4-8-9 ..... C Rutter 5
10 3200 AWESOME POWER 23 (G) J Hills 9-8-8 ..... J Reid 2
11 0-06 SHOOFK 7 (C,S) S Dow 4-8-8 ..... F Norton 9
12 0632 HILL FARM DANCER 4 (F,G) W Brisbourne 4-7-11 ..... Martin Dwyer (7) 8

7-2 Southern Power, 4-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 5-1 Midnight Jazz, 6-1 Hill Farm Dancer, 8-1 Shoofk, Pistol, 10-1 Power, Total Joy, 12-1 others.

4.05 JETCASH DASH CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,319: 1m 4f 115yd) (12)

1 BACKWEW B Llewellyn 8-13 ..... R Price 2
2 2103 DURSAMS FIRST 7 (G) Mrs M Reveley 8-13 ..... J Weaver 3
3 6-3 PETER MONAMY 16 (BF) P Cole 8-13 ..... J Reid 6
4 04 ROADSWEEPER 16 K Cunningham-Brown 8-13 ..... M Rimmer 5
5 00- SMILING THRU 174 H Cecil 8-13 ..... A McGlone 11
6 4105 STAR FIGHTER 13 (G) W O'Gorman 8-7 ..... Emma O'Gorman 8
7 -633 RECOVERY LAD 52 (G) K Burke 8-5 ..... D R McCabe (3) 1
8 DARIUS THE GREAT D Marks 8-5 ..... M Baird (5) 12
9 10- CALLING JAMAICA 170 (G) M Pipe 8-2 ..... Paul Eddery 10
10 -5-50 EMMALA 7 M Channon 8-2 ..... C Rutter 9
11 6315 HEVER GOLF LADY 13 (G) T Naughton 8-0 ..... G Bardwell 7
12 .00-0 PEWTER LASS 13 M Blanchard 7-12 ..... S McCarthy (7) 4

7-2 Smiling Thru, 4-1 Durgams First, 5-1 Emmala, 6-1 Pewter Lass, Star Fighter, 8-1 Calling Jamaica, Peter Monamy, 10-1 others.

4.35 BRYANT HOMES LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,173: 1m 4f 115yd) (7)

1 -501 DODDINGTON FLYER 13 (G) R Hollinshead 8-13 ..... J Reid 4
2 03-1 EXECUTIVE DESIGN 12 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-13 ..... J Weaver 3
3 3552 PERSIAN CONQUEST 10 (B,S) R Ingram 8-13 ..... W Woods 1
4 -403 JUMERCIOUS 13 (B) R Hannon 8-11 ..... R Perham 2
5 0-50 TONKA 68 (S) D Murray Smith 8-11 ..... R Palmer (5) 6
6 030- VIZARD 202 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ..... Paul Eddery 5
7 -233 TOY PRINCESS 12 C Brittain 8-6 ..... M Rimmer 7

11-4 Executive Design, 7-2 Toy Princess, 4-1 Doddington Flyer, 5-1 Persian Conquest, 6-1 Jumercius, 10-1 Vizard, 14-1 Tonka.

5.05 HENRY VIII HANDICAP (£3,494: 5f) (12)

1 4361 SPENDER 17 (D,F,S) P Harris 5-10-0 ..... Paul Eddery 7
2 100- WINDRUSH BOY 217 (D,F) J Bosley 5-9-4 ..... W Newnes 8
3 00-2 GREY CHARMER 16 (F,G,S) C James 6-9-2 ..... M Rimmer 10
4 000-0 PETRACO 16 (C,D,E,S) N Smith 7-9-2 ..... C Adamson (7) 4
5 005- PALEY PRINCE 140 (D,F,G) M Usher 9-9-1 ..... R Perham 1
6 0105 HALLJARD 7 (D,S) T Jones 4-8-13 ..... W Newnes 9
7 000- JOHN O'DREAMS 210 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A King 10-8-13 ..... A Garth (5) 12
8 200- KAMERA VALLEY 210 (D,S) T Watson 4-8-9 ..... G Bardwell 2
9 -433 TEE-EMM 53 (D,S) P Howling 5-8-3 ..... N Carlisle 6
10 060- KENSINGTON FREIGHT 217 J Akehurst 3-7-11 ..... W Woods 5
11 0-06 GRAND TIME 18 (B,D,F,E,S) C Hill 6-7-7 ..... G Bardwell 3
12 /0-0 NORTHGATE RAVER 70 Ronald Thompson 4-7-7 ..... M Baird (5) 11

3-1 Grey Charmer, 7-2 Spender, 4-1 Tee-Emm, 6-1 Halljard, 8-1 Paley Prince, 10-1 Grand Time, John O'Dreams, 12-1 others.

☐ Fraam (Walter Swinburn) finished second to Lear White in the group three Premio Natale di Roma at the Capannelle, Rome, yesterday.

EXETER

THUNDERER
2.15 The Shy Padre. 2.50 Integrity Boy. 3.25 Gala's Pride. 4.00 Copper Mine. 4.35 Glamour Game. 5.10 Sailor Jim. 5.45 Slingsby. 6.15 Ian's Bid.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 FARNDON COMPUTERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,271: 3m 110yd) (13 runners)

1 4449 FREDDIE MUCK 31 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-10 ..... Mr M Rimsell (5)
2 22PF SOUTHERLY GALE 16 (BF) M Pipe 8-11-8 ..... N Williamson
3 0432 THE SHY PADRE 21 R Lee 5-11-7 ..... Mr E James
4 8220 DO RIGHTLY 31 M Bastiston 6-11-7 ..... P Moore (7)
5 0331 MULLED ALE 12 (B) S Sherwood 5-11-2 ..... M A Fitzgerald
6 F6P0 YES MAN 19 Miss H Knight 5-10-11 ..... R Bellamy
7 7099 LODESTONE LAD 44 (B) R Dickin 5-10-9 ..... A P McCoy
8 P450 BE MY ERA 9 (G) N Babbage 7-10-1 ..... P Ward (7)
9 -860 LITTLE TINCTURE 170 Mrs T Mcinnes Skinner 5-10-0 ..... S Wynne (3)
10 P004 MONKS JAY 12 G Thorner 5-10-0 ..... J A McCarthy
11 6U06 STERLING BUCK 12 G Yardley 8-10-0 ..... W Humphreys
12 0663 TERSIT-9 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-0 ..... D Walsh (5)
13 0009 VERONA PRINCESS 9 J King 7-10-0 ..... Mr R Johnson (7)

3-1 Mulled Ale, 7-2 Freddie Muck, 4-1 The Shy Padre, 5-1 Southerly Gale, 7-1 Do Rightly, 16-1 Yes Man, Monks Jay, 20-1 others.

2.50 CAFFREYS AMATEUR RIDERS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,523: 2m 5f) (12)

1 -RP6 MASTER GLEASON 24 (S) M Pipe 12-11-11 ..... D Groome (7)
2 645U SUPPOSIN 13 (D,E,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-10 ..... W Hollday (7)
3 5030 SARAH JAY 11 (D,F,E,S) K Bishop 15-11-10 ..... Miss J Brackenbury (7)
4 4214 INTEGRITY BOY 42 (B,F,E,S) N Tinkler 8-11-6 ..... M Rimell (5)
5 6083 TURPIN'S GREEN 21 (C,S) J King 12-11-4 ..... R Johnson (7)
6 14FP MASTER FEATHERS 38 (C,F,S) J King 14-11-2 ..... L Baker (7)
7 00/ MOREANTWO 409P (S) J Evans 9-11-2 ..... Miss E James (7)
8 -0U4 MR GEE 130 F Cowen 10-10-13 ..... Mrs G Addin (7)
9 P5FP NORTHERN OPTIMIST 130 (F) B Llewellyn 7-10-12 ..... J L Llewellyn (5)
10 0056 EDWARD SEYMOUR 5 (S) W Jenks 8-10-11 ..... R Burton (7)
11 P524 KETFORD BRIDGE 21 R Dickin 5-10-0 ..... Miss S Duckett (7)
12 0003 THE JET SET 9 (S) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-0 ..... A Mitchell (7)

3-1 Integrity Boy, 4-1 Master Gleason, 7-1 Sirrah Jay, 8-1 Ketford Bridge, Turpin's Green, 10-1 Master Feathers, The Jet Set, 12-1 others.

3.25 BASS MUSEUM MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,348: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 3-PB CAPRIORNA 156 S Christian 7-11-0 ..... R Bellamy
2 44P2 COXWELL QUICK STEP 26 Miss H Knight 6-11-0 ..... M A Fitzgerald
3 P0- DORMSTON LASS 9 G Yardley 5-11-0 ..... W Humphreys
4 0/F2 BALA'S PRIDE 30 M Twiston-Davies 8-11-0 ..... Mr M Rimell (5)
5 0403 IZACOMIN 30 D Geraghty 6-11-0 ..... Mr R Johnson (7)
6 FF LINDALIGHTER 22P D Nicholson 5-11-0 ..... N Williamson
7 7P04 MINDYEROWNBUSINESS 19 R Lee 6-11-0 ..... J A McCarthy
8 1 OH SO BRIGHT 89 (S) O Sherwood 6-11-0 ..... Mr M Daly (7)
9 00 OVER YONDER 19 J Edwards 5-11-0 ..... A P McCoy
10 0-F5 SAIL BY THE STARS 53 T Forster 6-11-0 ..... P Moore (7)

7-2 Oh So Bright, 4-1 Bala's Pride, 5-1 Sail By The Stars, 6-1 Coxwell Quick Step, Izacomin, Mindyerownbusiness, 10-1 Calgarolla, 12-1 others.

4.00 CARLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,648: 3m 2f) (9)

1 212- COPPER MINE 565 (F,S,S) O Sherwood 9-11-11 ..... M A Fitzgerald
2 1P48 PASHTO 30 (B,S) N Henderson 8-11-9 ..... R Bellamy
3 P-PP MALCOM 69 (D,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-7 ..... A P McCoy
4 1P14 EASTSHAW 12 (F,S,S) T Forster 13-10-13 ..... P Ward (7)
5 P52P THE TARTAN SPARTAN 33 (F,S) M Wilkinson 11-10-3 ..... P Ward (7)
6 3134 REAL PROGRESS 17 (B,S) P Hobbs 7-10-0 ..... G Tormey (5)
7 3346 PARDON ME MUM 16 (B,F,S,S) K Bailey 10-10-0 ..... N Williamson
8 21-P LOCAL CUSTOMER 112 (D,F,S) P Bradley 10-10-0 ..... S Wynne (3)
9 006P THE FORTIES 121 (CD,F,S) T Bill 10-10-0 ..... T Weil

9-4 Pashto, 4-1 Copper Mine, 9-2 Eastshaw, 6-1 Real Progress, 8-1 Malcom The Tarsan Spartan, Pardon Me Mum, 14-1 others.

4.35 PAYMASTER JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,171: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 3442 PAMPERED GUEST 9F (G) K Bailey 11-4 ..... N Williamson
2 4203 ZARTDON 19 (G) D Nicholson 11-4 ..... Mr R Johnson (7)
3 6 CALLEVA STAR 35 R Allner 10-12 ..... M Crosse
4 0 PROFESSION 19 F Gray 10-12 ..... Mr M Rimell (5)
5 0 STRADIVARIUS 53 N Twiston-Davies 10-12 ..... W Humphreys
6 23 ART DECO LADY 18 N Babbage 10-7 ..... M A Fitzgerald
7 3230 BAYARNYA 31 N Henderson 10-7 ..... A P McCoy
8 4022 GLAMOUR GAME 5 W Jenks 10-7 ..... R Bellamy
9 0 SAWTID 89 G Roe 10-7 ..... A McGlone

5-4 Pampered Guest, 11-4 Zaarton, 4-1 Bayarnya, 6-1 Glamour Game, 16-1 Art Deco Lady, 20-1 Calleva Star, 25-1 others.

5.10 BRIGGS OF BURTON NOVICES CHASE
(£2,866: 2m 5f) (7)

1 3321 SAILOR JIM 28 (CD,F,S) P Dalton 8-12-1 ..... M A Fitzgerald
2 6122 ACT OF PARLIAMENT 12 (B,F,S) K Bailey 7-11-8 ..... N Williamson
3 F213 KNOCK RANK 9 (S) E Dunn Jr 10-11-8 ..... T Eley (3)
4 F400 TUG OF PEACE 32 (G,S,S) S Bekhtng 8-11-8 ..... A P McCoy
5 -65U KANO WARRIOR 66 (F) P Bowen 6-11-1 ..... T Weil
6 1232 LIE DETECTOR 117 (BF,G) O Sherwood 7-11-1 ..... J A McCarthy
7 0-0 DESBIGENE 30 (S) D Geraghty 9-10-10 ..... P Ward (7)

6-4 Sailor Jim, 5-2 Act Of Parliament, 7-2 Knock Rank, 6-1 Tug Of Peace, 10-1 Lie Detector, 16-1 Kano Warrior, 25-1 Desbigene.

5.45 PRITCHARD HOLDINGS PLC NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,698: 2m) (16)

1 CRACK ON P Hobbs 5-11-4 ..... G Tormey (5)
2 44 MACEDOINE 21 R Lee 5-11-4 ..... Mr E James
3 0 ROYAL TRIUMPH 74 M Bradstock 5-11-4 ..... S Wynne (3)
4 SHEPPIE'S REALITY R Emery 5-11-4 ..... A P McCoy
5 5 GLIMSBY 37 Mrs H Knight 5-11-4 ..... R Bellamy
6 5 SPEEDWELL PRINCE 58 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 ..... Mr M Rimell (5)
7 0 STEADY BARKER 18 R Allsop 5-11-4 ..... R Massey (5)
8 23 STORM NORTH 42 Miss H Knight 5-11-4 ..... A P McCoy
9 04 ANGLESEY SEA VIEW 2 A Bailey 6-10-13 ..... Mr R Hewitt
10 BARONBURN P Evans 5-10-13 ..... P Moore (7)
11 BIG VAL B Preece 5-10-13 ..... G Robertson (7)
12 ETHEL'S DREAM D Nicholson 5-10-13 ..... Mr R Johnson (7)
13 P- LIVE A LITTLE 555 W Clay 6-10-13 ..... Mr R Lazey
14 CELESTIAL DOLLAR N Babbage 4-10-12 ..... M Bandy (7)
15 003 EL RUBIO 21 (B) J Spearing 4-10-12 ..... Miss T Spearing (7)
16 ANNIE RUTH Mrs J Pitman 4-10-7 ..... J James (7)

7-2 El Rubio, 6-1 Macgeorge, Annie Ruth, Storm North, 10-1 Ethel's Dream, 12-1 Slingsby, Speedwell Prince, 14-1 others.

6.15 PRITCHARD HOLDINGS PLC NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,691: 2m) (16)

1 50 FORTINA'S CONQUEST 51 Miss H Knight 5-11-4 ..... A P McCoy
2 00 FRENCH BUCK 109 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 ..... Mr M Rimell (5)
3 5 IAN'S BID 21 C Brown 5-11-4 ..... Mr R Johnson (7)
4 0 RATATOUILLE ROAD 18 R Lee 5-11-4 ..... Mr M Daly (7)
5 SALACHY RUN 18P J Edwards 6-11-4 ..... D Walsh (5)
6 SIDNEY Miss E England 6-11-4 ..... B Tormey (5)
7 0- WHISKEY CASTLE 389 K Bailey 6-11-4 ..... M Keighley (7)
8 JAMIE'S JOY G Roe 5-10-13 ..... J James (7)
9 MELSTOCK MEGGIE Mrs J Pitman 5-10-13 ..... Mr J Cambidge
10 0 AQUEDUS ROCKS 42 B Cambidge 4-10-12 ..... R Massey (5)
11 COLWALL R Allsop 4-10-12 ..... Mr R Johnson (7)
12 EL CORDOBES W Jenks 4-10-12 ..... P Ward (7)
13 MAJOR RESULT M Williams 4-10-12 ..... S Wynne (3)
14 RAGDON Mrs A Hewit 4-10-12 ..... T Eley (3)
15 WATT A JOKER R Lee 4-10-12 ..... Mrs A Bryan
16 HYMOSS M Pipe 4-10-7 ..... S McCarthy (7)

3-1 Hymoss, 6-1 Melstock Meggie, 8-1 Colwall, 12-1 Ian's Bid, 16-1 Salachy Run, Watt A Joker, 20-1 others.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER
2.00 Precious Juno. 2.30 Larry's Lord. 3.00 War Well. 3.30 Borrowed And Blue. 4.00 What's In Orbit. 4.30 Mutual Memories.

GOING: FIRM

2.00 PAY AND PLAY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,699: 2m 6f) (4 runners)

1 P/0P0 PRECIOUS JUNO 12 (F,S) C Parker-Jones 6-11-0 ..... Gary Lewis (5)
2 F56 BLAKE'S WONDER 9 P Hobbs 5-11-0 ..... J R Kavanagh
3 /3P6 DORADOS WELL 124 T Taylor 6-11-0 ..... G Upton
4 U DICE FOR DEFROE 61 G Sheldrake 4-10-7 ..... Mr S Sheldrake

Even Precious Juno, 5-4 Blake's Wonder, 6-1 Dormouse Wood, 12-1 Dice For Defroe

2.30 GARDENS NIGHT CLUB NOVICES CHASE
(£3,944: 2m 5f) (2)

1 -6P1 BRIGHTON BERTIE 14 (F) D Dennett 8-11-6 ..... G Upton
2 0555 JARROVS LORD 31 P Nicholls 6-11-0 ..... J R Kavanagh

4-6 Brighton Bertie, 5-4 Lord's Lord

3.00 GOLF COURSE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,163: 2m) (11)

1 15 WAR WELL 12 (S) M Pipe 4-11-5 ..... L Reynolds (4)
2 0/P5 FLINTLOCK 31 P Henderson 5-11-4 ..... M Lane (7)
3 P/20 ROMAN TEMPLE 16 M Chambers 4-11-2 ..... Paul Thompson (4)
4 6-30 BUSILESS BOY 18 K Bailey 6-11-0 ..... J Magee
5 6/P6 SEBASTOPOL 31 (B,G) P Nicholls 6-11-0 ..... Pat Thompson (4)

3.30 GARDENS NIGHT CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,735: 2m 6f) (3)

1 -201 BORROWED AND BLUE 165 (CD,F,G) P Hobbs 5-11-10 ..... M Moran (7)
2 6-P4 SURCOAT 33 (F) A Barr 5-11-0 ..... G Upton
3 3540 J BRANCI 14 (G,S) F Murphy 8-10-7 ..... J Harris (7)

4-6 Borrowed And Blue, 5-1 J Branci, 7-1 Surcoat

4.00 IMPROVE YOUR HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,628: 2m) (3)

1 6-PP BALLY EATHGATE 148 (D,F,G,S) N Henderson 9-12-0 ..... J R Kavanagh
2 U140 WHAT'S IN ORBIT 11 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 10-10-12 ..... Gary Lewis (5)
3 P-P0 SPICE MERCHANT 20 (F) N Mitchell 9-10-0 ..... G Upton

4-5 What's In Orbit, Even, 5-4 Ballygate, 20-1 Spice Merchant

4.30 NINE HOLE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,285: 2m) (8)

1 -305 FAR EAST 34 Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 ..... J Magee (3)
2 0/0 FORWARD REWARD 268 N Mitchell 8-11-0 ..... M Griffiths (7)
3 40F HERBERT BUCHANAN 35 P Nicholls 5-11-0 ..... Gary Lewis (5)
4 50 KILMISTON 99 J Cook 7-11-0 ..... G Upton
5 0-04 MUTUAL MEMORIES 32 N Henderson 7-11-0 ..... J R Kavanagh
6 0-P BOLYGAR 174 C Pimlott 5-11-0 ..... T Murphy (7)
7 500 WINSPIT 25 P Hobbs 5-11-0 ..... Pat Thompson (7)
8 000 GINUSASHOT 14 J Moore 4-10-9 ..... M Moran (7)

5-4 Kamrajan, 3-1 Winspit, 7-2 Mutual Memories, 6-1 Far East, 8-1 others.

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER
2.30 Salman. 3.05 Copper Thistle. 3.40 The Changeling. 4.15 Dromin Leader. 4.50 Mr Entertainer. 5

Dwyer relies on favourite to embellish victory roll

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT



Dwyer: late booking

MARK DWYER can add today's Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse to his list of big-race successes in Ireland this season on board Sullane River, the ante-post favourite.

Dwyer has already won the AIG Europe Champion Hurdle on Fortune And Fame and the Irish Gold Cup on Jodami this season and has sound claims in his effort to land a notable treble. When Jodami was withdrawn from the National on Friday, David McGrath, the Co Waterford trainer, was quick to offer Dwyer the ride on Sullane River.

Sullane River had proved herself a good young handicapper earlier this season but she showed improved form in the Cathcart Chase at Cheltenham last time out when caught on the line by the high-class Coulton.

At Cheltenham, Dwyer sent Sullane River to the front at the third fence and seemed to have the race won jumping the last, only to be collared by Coulton in the dying strides. "I'm still looking at the Cheltenham race on the video and asking myself how was she beaten," McGrath said.

Yorkshire trainers Mary Reveley and Sue Bramall bid to become the first woman to train an Irish Grand National winner. Peter Niven takes the ride on Mrs Reveley's Mr Boston, who showed his wellbeing when comfortably winning a five-runner handicap at Sandown last month.

He may be a better option than Antonin (John Burke), who returned to form when chasing Rough Quest home in the Ritz Club at Cheltenham but has to carry the burden of 11st 11lb.

The other intended British-trained runner, Kim Bailey's River Tarquin, is a probable absentee after bruising a heel yesterday.

Flashing Steel and Jamie Osborne will have to overcome top weight but the gelding, owned by former Irish premier Charles Haughey, is the class act of the race and will appreciate the good ground. He was unsuited by the tacky going at Cheltenham when he fell at the thirteenth in the Gold Cup.

Of the remainder, John Shortt takes over on Martell Grand National faller Nuaffe, while the booking of Charlie Swan will see some support for the outsider, Jassu, but they will struggle to cope with the improving Sullane River. "I would prefer it if the ground isn't too fast for her, but if it is it may be a help to her getting the trip," McGrath said.

The ground is firming up all the time, and I believe that Sullane River will see out the trip and give Dwyer another major success in Ireland.

FAIRYHOUSE LINE-UP

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — BBC1 and C4

3.55 JAMESON IRISH GRAND NATIONAL
(Handicap chase: Ir£62,700: 3m 5f) (19 runners)

1	45-331F	FLASHING STEEL (C Haughey) J Mulhern 10-12-0		J Osborne
2	4P6532	ANTONIN (B) (G Bailey Ltd) Mrs S Bramall (GB) 7-11-11		J Burke
3	2231UF	NUAFFE (J Doyle) P Fahy 10-11-7		J Shortt
4	1-02124	JASSU (B Busar) J Kiely 9-11-1		C Swan
5	4U5-040	FORCE SEVEN (B) (Mrs C Moore) P Mullins 8-10-13		–
6	4F1-1PP	BELVEDERIAN (A O'Reilly) M Morris 8-10-12		C O'Dwyer
7	22-1221	BELMONT KING (S Lambert) S Lambert 7-10-10		T P Treacy
8	00P50F	BISHOPS HALL (T Carroll) H de Bromhead 9-10-10		P A Roche
9	043500	EBONY JANE (J Lynch) D Weld 10-10-10		B Sheridan
10	F-22331	MR BOSTON (M Oldham) Mrs M Reveley (GB) 10-10-10		P Niven
11	-120212	SULLANE RIVER (S Lucey) D McGrath 7-10-10		M Dwyer
12	1P-32PF	RIVER TARQUIN (B) (Elite Racing Club) K Bailey (GB) 11-10-4		DOUBTFUL
13	113013	SCRIBBLER (B) (Mrs H Murphy) A Moore 9-10-2		K O'Brien
14	5P-P1FP	CAPTAIN BRANDY (M Cooney) F Flood 10-10-0		A Powell
15	114220	FEATHERED GALE (E King) A Moore 8-10-0		F Woods
16	0-2121F	LOSHIAN (Mrs A Foxe) A O'Brien 6-10-0		T Horgan
17	P6213F	ROYAL MOUNTBROWNE (Mrs J O'Kane) A O'Brien 7-10-0		N T Egan
18	PR0-0P4	RUST NEVER SLEEPS (D Murphy) D Hassett 11-10-0		T J O'Sullivan
19	30/2-0PF	THE COMMITTEE (D Quinn) J Scott 12-10-0		–

Long handicap: Captain Brandy 9-8, Feathered Gale 9-11, Loshian 9-3, Royal Mountbrowne 9-11, Rust Never Sleeps 9-11, The Committee 9-7.

BETTING: 5-1 Sullane River, 6-1 Mr Boston, 8-1 Antonin, Scribbler, 10-1 Nuaffe, Flashing Steel, 12-1 Belmont King, Feathered Gale, 14-1 Belvederian, Jassu, Ebony Jane, 16-1 others.

1994: SON OF WAR 7-10-10 F Woods (12-1) P McCreery 23 ran

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER
2.25 My Melody Parkes. 2.55 Colway Rake. 3.25 Persian Fayre. 3.55 Embryonic. 4.25 Sharp N' Smooth. 4.55 Medaille Militaire.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN STRAIGHT) — SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.25 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CAP HEATON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,259: 5f) (7 runners)

1	5	ANNAGH 17 W Kemp 8-11		Dale Gibson 6
2		BAILEYS BRIDE M Johnston 8-11		T Williams 7
3		CLARY SAGE C Fairhurst 8-11		J Fanning 4
4		KUMUCU T Bacon 8-11		K Darley 5
5		MY MELODY PARKES J Berry 8-11		J Carroll 2
6		SIGER WATER R Fisher 8-11		N Connorton 1
7		TOP CAT E Weymes 8-11		Dean McKeown 3

7-4 Baileys Bride, 9-4 My Melody Parkes, 7-1 Top Cat, 8-1 others.

2.55 BLAGDON HANDICAP (£3,657: 5f) (10)

1	000-	STEPHENSONS ROCKET 184 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-10-0		J Carroll 10
2	-120	LORD SKY 40 (D,F,S,S) A Bailey 4-9-5		K Darley 4
3	500-	BELLS OF LONGWICK 163 (D,F,G,S) W Haigh 6-9-2		Dale Gibson 1
4	60-0	COLWAY RAKE 12 (B,D,S,S) J Watts 4-8-11		N Connorton 5
5	0113	TENOR 17 (D,S) D Nicholls 4-8-10		Alex Greaves 8
6	440-	MY ABBEY 220 (D,F) E Alston 6-8-7		J Tate (3) 3
7	131-	PERRYSTON VIEW 184 (V,D,S,S) P Calver 3-8-6		M Birch 9
8	3150	RINGLEADERS 8 (D,F,S) D Nicholls 4-8-5		S Maloney 7
9	3-01	MY CHERRYWELL 18 (V,D,S) L Lloyd-James 5-8-5		T Williams 2
10	00-2	SONDERISE 16 (D,S,S) N Tinkler 6-8-2		J Lowe 5

4-1 Perryston View, 5-1 My Cherrywell, Tenor, 6-1 Lord Sky, 7-1 others.

3.25 BYWELL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,606: 7f) (8)

1	302-	SHAHID 175 J Dunlop 9-7		K Darley 2
2	220-	HOTSPUR STREET 172 M Johnston 9-4		T Williams 1
3	042-	HAWA AL NASAMAAT 203 E Dunlop 9-4		J Tate (3) 3
4	54P-	PERSIAN FAYRE 213 (F) J Berry 8-8		J Carroll 5
5	14-4	EURO REBEL 9 (F) M H Easterby 8-5		M Birch 8
6	5-34	SHINEROLLA 18 Mrs J Ramsden 8-3		Dean McKeown 7
7	52-5	COOL STEEL 17 (V) Miss S Hall 8-1		Dale Gibson 8
8	63-0	PERFECT BERTIE 13 Mrs J Ramsden 7-13		J Fanning 4

3-1 Shahid, 7-2 Shinerolla, 9-2 Hawa Al Nasamaat, 5-1 Euro Rebel, 7-1 others.

3.55 BELSAY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,952: 1m 4f 93yd) (7)

1	040-	BATTERY BOY 193 W Easy 9-0		J Carroll 3
2		DAWN MISSION M H Easterby 9-0		M Birch 1
3	2-	EMBRYONIC 208 R Fisher 9-8		N Connorton 5
4	00-5	JACKDAWNI 7 W Kemp 9-0		Dean McKeown 2
5	-500	SOLOR DANCER 13 (V) C Booth 9-0		A Culhane 6
6		TORAJA J Dunlop 9-0		K Darley 7
7	00-0	RATICOSA 13 (V) D Incisa 8-9		Kim Tinkler 4

4-6 Toraja, 3-1 Embryonic, 5-1 Dawn Mission, 8-1 Battery Boy, 12-1 others.

4.25 ANGERTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,620: 1m) (15)

1	-500	CEE-JAY-AY 15 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 8-10-0		C Lowther (10) 4
2	0-00	KING OF SHOW 66 R Allan 4-9-13		Sarah Thompson 15
3	430-	TANSEED 206 (D,F) H Thomson Jones 4-9-13		Catherine Cooper (6) 5
4	00-8	SPANISH VERDICT 7 (C,D,F,S) Denys Smith 8-9-10		G Mitchell 1
5	32-0	UP IN FLAMES 10 M Ramsbond 4-8-7		M Mathers (10) 13
6	40-0	DESIDERATA 21 B Hills 4-8-13		M Henry 8
7	0-20	SELF EXPRESSION 13 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 7-8-13		S Backley (8) 14
8	5143	HAWWAH 17 (D,F,G,S) E Alston 9-8-10		S Lanigan 12
9	5-05	AVISHAYES 13 (CD,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-8-8		D Duxbury (5) 6
10	-062	SHARP N' SMOOTH 7 (D,D,F,S) W Kemp 8-8-6		S Halligan (5) 11
11	0-00	KILMAMARTYRA GIRL 10 (C,F) J Parkes 5-8-4		G Faulkner (5) 3
12	50-6	THATCHED 9 (D,F) R Barr 5-8-0		P Fessey (3) 7
13	000-	KING OF THE HORSE 131 (V,S) W Storey 4-8-0		Ruth Dunbar 2
14	00-0	NEVER SO TRUE 7 M Wane 4-7-12		Carol Davison (5) 9
15	000-	SUEDORO 327 G Kelly 5-7-7		P Doe (7) 10

9-2 Thatched, 5-1 Hawwah, 6-1 Up In Flames, Sharp N' Smooth, 7-1 others.

4.55 NEWBROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,775: 1m) (7)

1	0	AHAALEE 11 E Dunlop 9-0		J Tate (3) 1
2	63-	MEDAILLE MILITAIRE 188 J Dunlop 9-0		K Darley 4
3		MITHRAIC J Watts 9-0		M Birch 2
4	0-	RIVER WYE 316 J Carr 9-0		S Morris 5
5		UNCHAWATERSOMBADWA M Bielby 9-0		A Culhane 7
6	6-0	FINAL FLING 12 J Watts 8-9		N Connorton 3
7		ISLAND CASCADE D Incisa 8-9		Kim Tinkler 6

4-5 Medaille Militaire, 3-1 Mithraic, 6-1 Final Fling, 14-1 others.

WETHERBY

THUNDERER
2.50 Once More For Luck. 3.20 Yacht Club. 3.50 Silver Stick. 4.20 Vicaridge. 4.50 Wise Advice.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

2.20 LEEDS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£5,225: 3m 110yd)

1	5222	FORWARD GLEN 8 (B,F) P Cheesbrough 8-11-10		R Guest

FORWARD GLEN WALKS OVER

2.50 WILSTROP JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,723: 2m) (8 runners)

1	1625	ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 142 (B,CD,F) Mrs M Reveley 11-2		M Smith
2	5	ASKERN 158 G Moore 10-10		N Bentley
3	0P	BALI TENDER 13 M W Easterby 10-10		J Driscoll (7)
4	0	HEATHCOTE PLACE 28 T Etherington 10-10		R Garritty
5	53	JUST SUPPOSEN 27 B Rothwell 10-10		Richard Guest
6	0	SENSO 58 J Wainwright 10-10		P Midgley (3)
7		ARIAN SPIRIT 12F J Eyre 10-5		D Pears
8	040	PORTAMENTO 87 J Turner 10-5		G Cahill (7)

5-4 Once More For Luck, 5-2 Just Supposen, 5-1 Askern, 8-1 others.

3.20 WHARFEDALE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,250: 2m 7f 110yd) (12)

1	6153	FIVE FLAGS 13 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-10		R Wilkinson (7)
2	P6F6	LITTLE SERENA 48 J Walmsley 5-10-10		A Roche (3)
3	0-4U	DOSTONE PEAR 33 (F) K Morgan 10-10-9		R Garritty
4	PP02	DUTCH BLUES 13 (S) Mrs S Austin 8-10-9		G Cahill (7)
5	-300	LAMBSON 17 (S) J Pearce 8-10-8		J McLaughlin
6	UP3P	WHO GIRL 91 (S) H Alexander 9-10-8		Mr S Swiers
7	5402	ARITAM 43 T Carr 6-10-5		Richard Guest
8	5420	YACHT CLUB 33 (F) J Eyre 13-10-4		D Pears
9	0OP0	STATION EXPRESS 138 (F,G) J Docker 7-10-0		S Mason
10	00P	JARLMAR 86 H Gill 8-10-0		N Smith
11	0000	QUICK DECISION 12 (B) J Cresswell 4-10-0		D Towler (7)
12	0PP	DEBLYN 98 D Robinson 4-10-0		M Robinson

7-2 Dutch Blues, 4-1 Yacht Club, 9-2 Five Flags, 5-1 Antaim, 6-1 Quick Decision, 8-1 Little Serena, Lambson, 10-1 others.

3.50 WETHERBY HANDICAP CHASE (£7,156: 3m 110yd) (4)

1	4624	SILVER STICK 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) M W Easterby 8-11-10		R Garritty
2	3024	ARMAGRET 30 (CD,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 10-11-8		N Smith
3	2045	STRONG SOUND 39 (C,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 8-11-0		Richard Guest
4	1331	PIMS GUNNER 24 (F,G,S) M Hammond 7-10-8		A Roche (3)

6-4 Pims Gunner, 7-4 Silver Stick, 3-1 Armagret, 5-1 Strong Sound.

4.20 HUDDERSFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£3,852: 2m 4f 110yd) (3)

1	6421	LAST REFUGE 13 (D,S) T Carr 6-11-8		Richard Guest
2	61P0	NORTH PRIDE 14 (F,S) M Bannes 10-11-8		G Cahill (7)
3	/4-1	VICARIDGE 28 (D,F) R Brewis 8-11-8		G Harker

4-5 Vicaridge, 6-4 Last Refuge, 6-1 North Pride.

4.50 ARKENDALE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,758: 2m) (5)

1	25P1	WISE ADVICE 27 (D,F) M Hammond 5-11-2		R Garritty
2	60PP	HEDDON HAUGH 49 P Cheesbrough 7-10-10		Richard Guest
3	4	VISHNU 28 J Eyre 5-10-10		D Pears
4		CASPIAN TALK 1801F Mrs S Smith 6-10-5		R Wilkinson (7)
5	050	LOWLANDS SCRIBE 107 B Williamson 5-10-5		N Smith

5-4 Wise Advice, 6-4 Vishnu, 5-1 Caspian Talk, 10-1 Heddon Haugh, 16-1 Lowlands Scribe.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER
2.30 Tordo. 3.00 Black Church. 3.30 Rather Sharp. 4.00 Ivy Edith. 4.30 Lord Fawsley. 5.00 Johnny Will.

GOING: FIRM

2.30 JOHN HARE JUVENILE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,940: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

1	205P	GINGER JIM 19F P Hedger 11-10		D Leahy (3)
2	1342	TORDO 14 (B,F) C Mann 11-10		J Railton
3	8R66	EHTEFAAL 17 (B,F) J White 11-10		P McLoughlin (3)
4	504P	COURT JESTER 46 A Foster 10-6		D Morris

4-5 Tordo, 11-4 Ehtefaal, 4-1 Ginger Jim, 5-1 Court Jester.

3.00 TOM'S PENSION MAIDEN CHASE (£2,445: 2m 2f) (6)

1	5P3F	BLACK CHURCH 18 R Rowe 9-11-7		E Murphy
2	502	BRIGHT SEASON 14 J Poulton 7-11-7		P McLoughlin (3)
3	-F3P	CELTIC LAIRD 187 Miss J Pitman 7-11-7		G McCourt
4	2225	CORPUS 297 R Hodges 5-11-7		A Tory
5	-550	VITAL SCORE 23 C Mann 9-11-7		J Railton
6	0-P0	MISS PANDY 27 G Enright 7-11-2		D Leahy (3)

9-4 Black Church, 3-1 Bright Season, 7-2 Celtic Laird, 5-1 others.

3.30 EASTER SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,579: 2m) (6)

1	F586	COTAPAXI 28 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 10-11-10		A Tory
2	6U4F	AEDEAN 17 (S) G Enright 6-11-1		J Railton
3	2531	RATHER SHARP 2 (CD,F,S) 9-11-1 (5ex)		P McLoughlin (3)
4	F64P	RAWAAN 14 (F,S,S) N Tinkler 8-10-12		DOUBTFUL
5	0322	HANDSOME NED 27 (B,S,S) D Brissell 9-10-7		D Morris
6	0P0P	EMALLEN 91 Mrs J Jewell 7-10-0		D Leahy (3)

2-1 Rather Sharp, 11-4 Aedean, 3-1 Handsome Ned, 8-2 Cotapaxi, 10-1 Emallen.

4.00 ALFRISTON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,383: 2m 1f) (6)

1	1P01	IVY EDITH 35 (CD,F,S) T Mills 5-11-7		G McCourt
2	2	EARLY TO RISE 27 J White 5-11-0		P McLoughlin (3)
3	5F0	INDIE ROCK 17 C Mann 5-11-0		J Railton
4	0P	RIVA ROCK 35 T McGovern 5-11-0		D Casson (7)
5	40P6	DEPTFORD BELLE 14 R Curtis 5-10-9		D Morris
6	50F4	HONEY VISION 4 D Browning 6-10-9		E Murphy

5-4 Ivy Edith, 4-1 Early To Rise, Indie Rock, 8-1 Riva Rock, 10-1 others.

4.30 ABERGAVENNY CHALLENGE CUP (Novices handicap chase: £2,372: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1	0F21	DONNA DEL LAGO 4 (B,F) 9-11-13 (7ex)		G McCourt
2	4-43	LORD FAWSLEY 27 (F,S) B Phillips 10-11-10		J Railton
3	-PP0	SAND KING 125 (B,F) J White 9-11-3		P McLoughlin (3)
4	5R14	APRIL'S BABY 17 (S) Miss C Caroe 11-11-1		D Leahy (3)
5	-0P6	POWDER MILL RUN 14 P Butler 8-11-0		A Tory
6	0030	IVYCHURCH 19 J Joseph 8-10-11		D Morris
7	F0P-	APOLLO VENTURE 391 P Butler 7-10-9		D Casson (7)

9-4 Donna Del Lago, 5-2 Lord Fawsley, 3-1 April's Baby, 10-1 others.

5.00 MANHATTAN BOY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,383: 2m 4f) (9)

1	1F2-	JOHNNY WILL 350 (S) Miss A Embiricos 10-11-10		J Railton
2	1505	ESPRIT DE FEMME 35 (CD,F) D Browning 9-10-10		A Tory
3	6053	KARAR 70 (G,S) R Rowe 5-10-9		E Murphy
4	1-P4	MEJOS 19 (F,G) J Joseph 8-10-7		Karen Cook (7)
5	0644	RAMALLAH 25 (CD,S,S) J White 6-10-4		P McLoughlin (3)
6	2330	TEL E THON 68 (V,CD,F,G) Miss C Caroe 8-10-0		D Leahy (3)
7	0560	KELLY'S DARLING 9 (C,F) R Strange 9-10-0		–
8	0PFP	OH SO HANDY 125 (CD,F) R Curtis 7-10-0		D Morris
9	3004	JOKER JACK 4 (F,S) R Dean 10-10-0		D Carson (7)

2-1 Karar, 5-2 Ramallah, 6-1 Johnny Will, Tel E Thon, 10-1 others.

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THUNDERER
2.30 Desert Fighter. 3.05 Emrys. 3.40 Vicar Of Bray. 4.15 Just One Canaletto. 4.50 Manamour. 5.25 Stapleford Lady.
Brian Beel: 3.05 Much.

GOING: FIRM

2.30 ROSS-ON-WYE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,528: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1	0P6	BEYOND THE STARS 19 S Smith 11-0		R Bowen
2	00	CHIM CHIM 55 Mrs A Pitch 11-0		Mr M Jackson
3	0661	DESERT FIGHTER 17 D Nicholson 11-0		A Maguire
4	P	LUCKY MOD 187 E Dunn Jnr 11-0		Jodie Mogford (7)
5		WESTERN FLEET 13P J Peacock 11-0		M Bosley
6	5	HAYDON HILL 9 P Evans 10-8		Gary Lyons
7	P0	LITTLE MINER 101F I Jones 10-8		Miss E J Jones (7)
8	4P34	NUN-TARA 12 Mrs A Knight 10-8		D Matthews (5)
9	300	ORANGE EXTREME 23 (B) W Clay 10-8		Diane Clay
10	3000	SKELTON PRINCESS 129 D McCain 10-8		D McCain

2-1 Desert Fighter, 5-2 Nuin-Tara, 5-1 Westron Fleet, Orange Extreme, 12-1 Lucky Nod, 14-1 Haydon Hill, 16-1 others.

3.05 JAMES DALY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,164: 2m 3f) (16)

1	FP1	QUITE A MAN 9 (C,F,S) W Ewart 7-12-7		S Brookshaw (5)
2	-242	TRUST THE GYPSY 12 (D,F,G,S) J Dobson 13-12-7		M Fetch (5)
3	4410	AMORELOT 10 (B,F,S) S Dench 8-12-0		J Jukes (7)
4	0P5	CITY ENTERTAINER 23P (C,S) K Smith 14-12-0		S Shilston (7)
5	/24U	EMRYS 26 (C,F) T Jones 12-12-0		Miss P Jones (5)
6	-3PP	GABISH 30P (F,S) M Matthews 10-12-0		Mrs R Hewitt (7)
7	P-PU	HOLY ARIL 42 (F,S) G Bates 10-12-0		R J Evans (7)
8	60-2	MUCH 35 Mrs A Price 8-12-0		M Jackson (7)
9	P0U3	PARSONS SON 23P (F) S Griffiths 10-12-0		S Griffiths (7)
10	P5F	SALCOMBE HARBOUR 18 (B,S,S) H Irish 11-12-0		Dr P Pritchard (7)
11	P-4P	SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 16P (F,S) A Thomas 12-12-0		L Bowles (7)
12	/P-3	THE COMMUNICATOR 9 (B,S) J Peacock 9-12-0		B Pollock (7)
13	2-32	WRITER'S QUAY 23P (F,S) J Jones 12-12-0		A Bedding (7)
14	P1PP	GERUNTY 18P (S) K Smith 11-11-10		Miss E J Jones (7)
15	PPPR	ICOULDOKIN' 15P Mrs C Stallard 8-11-10		G Barfoot-Saunt (7)
16	FP1	SEAL KING 16P (B,S) L Bowles 10-11-10		Miss C Thomas (7)

9-4 Much, 7-2 Emrys, 4-1 Trust The Gypsy, 8-1 Amorelot, 12-1 Salcombe Harbour, Parsons Son, 16-1 Quite A Man, Seal King, 20-1 others.

3.40 NEWTOWN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,905: 3m 1f 110yd) (9)

1	-4PP	BIANCONI 135 (B,S) N Gaselee 9-11-10		C Llewellyn
2	313-	HEIGHT OF FUN 352 (B,CD,F,S,S) C Pepham 11-11-6		M Bosley
3	P-2P	SKERRY MEADOW 18 (F,S) D Carter 11-11-2		Mr J Jukes (7)
4	33U5	RUSTY BRIDGE 24 (CD,F,S) Mrs S Johnson 8-10-13		Miss C Tizzard
5	5432	NEW HALEN 112 (CD,F,G,S) A Jones 14-10-8		R Greene
6	4316	VICAR OF BRAY 139 (V,F,S) G Balding 8-10-4		A Maguire
7	0452	PANT LLIN 9 (F) F Jordan 9-10-1		Mr L Squire (7)
8	PPP-	MINT-MASTER 322 (F) S Shaw 10-10-0		R Arnold (7)
9	/P-5	TOM PENNY 18 Mrs R Harry 13-10-0		Miss P Jones

3-1 Height Of Fun, 4-1 Vicar Of Bray, 5-1 New Halen, 6-1 Pant Llin, 7-1 Rusty Bridge, 8-1 Skerry Meadow, 12-1 others.

4.15 HOLIDAY NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,926: 3m 2f) (12)

1	P120	ERLEMO 26 (V,S) W Clay 6-11-8		Diane Clay
2	3P00	JUST ONE CANALETTO 45 (S) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-8		C Llewellyn
3	/PP	THE GORROCK 67 A'Chamberlain 6-11-2		Miss P Jones
4	0P-	TIMELLS BROOK 529 P Farrell 7-11-2		D Salter (5)
5	0040	UPWARD SURGE 54 K Bailey 5-11-2		D Cowdry (7)
6	14-2	WELGOWAN CHARACTER 247 (BF,F,S,S) P Nicholls 13-11-2		Miss S Mitchell (7)
7	F304	DRAGONS LADY 9 B De Haan 6-10-11		R Greene
8	0046	FRA'S GIRL 12 Lady Susan Brooke 7-10-11		Jodie Mogford (7)
9	P-00	SEATTLE AFFAIR 18 C Jones 5-10-11		M Bosley
10	0404	SOUL TRADER 28 N Babbage 6-10-11		D Matthews (5)
11	003	CLUBS ARE TRUMPS 36 R Dickin 4-10-8		A Maguire
12	0003	TAYLORS HIGHFLYER 9 R Price 4-10-8		D McCain

3-1 Just One Canaletto, 7-2 Dragons Lady, 9-2 Erlemo, 6-1 Clubs Are Trumps, 7-1 Soul Trader, 10-1 Welgowan Character, 12-1 others.

4.50 MARLBROOK NOVICES CHASE (£2,762: 2m) (7)

1	65P3	DAWN CHANCE 21 R Hodges 9-11-3		R Greene
2	2F3F	FINAL ACE 112 Mrs A Price 8-11-3		Mr M Jackson
3	0245	HIGHLAND POACHER 37 (S) (V) D McCain 8-11-3		D McCain
4	00P	JUMPING JUDGE 81 N Thomson 8-11-3		M Foster
5	P544	LUCKUNA DREAMER 17 Mrs B Waring 7-11-3		E Byrne
6	353U	MAHAMMUR 5 R Lee 5-11-3		A Maguire
7	00-0	NURSERY STORY 18 Mrs R Harry 7-11-3		Miss P Jones

2-1 Dawn Chance, 4-1 Luckuna Dreamer, 9-2 Final Ace, 5-1 Mahammur, 6-1 Highland Poacher, 10-1 Jumping Judge, 14-1 Nursery Story.

5.25 PETERSTOW NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,626: 2m 3f 110yd) (7)

1	P1PP	WILL IT LAST 79 (S) (C) H Billings 9-11-10		D Matthews (5)
2	0211	STAPLEFORD LADY 5 (F) J Moore 7-11-3		A Maguire
3	UF30	RUSSIAN EMPIRE 65 M Weiss 5-11-1		C Llewellyn
4	0-04	HUBERT 35 L Grassick 5-11-0		Mr J Grassick
5	P-P5	DEVIL'S STING 12 P Hobbs 6-10-13		R Greene
6	0P0-	CASHTAL RUNNER 5 P Evans 6-10-4		Gary Lyons
7	50PP	AYRES ROCK 1978 B Wells 14-10-0		J Dix Costa

4-5 Stapleford Lady, 9-2 Devil's Sting, 5-1 Russian Empire, 8-1 others.

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THUNDERER
2.15 Capo Castanum. 2.45 Antarcticem. 3.20 Richardson. 3.55 Easthorpe. 4.30 King Athelstan. 5.00 Charterforhardware. 5.30 Thursday Night.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 RACING WELFARE CHARITIES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,966: 2m 3f 110yd) (12 runners)

1	33U0	ACT THE WAG 10 (B) A Turnell 6-11-0		S McNeill
2	-602	CAPO CASTANUM 14 Miss H Knight 5-11-0		J F Titley
3	04-0	GRAMSCI 27 Mrs M Jones 7-11-0		D Byrne
4	P-00	GREY SEASON 30 W Clay 6-11-0		N Jackson (7)
5	60	GRUMOON 42 Mrs L Taylor 6-11-0		F Leahy (5)
6	P6RF	HABLE DERRING 35 (B) M Scudamore 5-11-0		Chris Webb (7)
7	5F-6	JUNGLE RITES 21 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-0		W Dwan
8	4664	MOULTON BULL 150 (B) M Chapman 9-11-0		W Worthington
9	00PP	PHARAKE 23 R Woodhouse 5-11-0		D Williams
10	-000	PRIMO CARNERA 30 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0		L Wyer
11	500	ROCHARSAIRE 51 T Etherington 6-11-0		B Mosley
12	P	JUST PHYLLIS 65 L Lloyd-James 5-10-9		E Husband

2-1 Capo Castanum, 4-1 Act The Wag, 5-1 Primo Carnera, 7-1 Jungle Rites, 8-1 others.

2.45 PAY AND PLAY GOLF SELLING HURDLE (£1,872: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1	004	ANTARCTICFIRM 9F (B) N Tinkler 5-11-2		E Husband (5)
2	4638	HOLD YOUR HAT ON 21 (B) C Thornton 6-11-2		D Williamson
3	0-00	TAKE THE LAST 112 J Glover 5-11-2		T Dreddon (7)
4	F	BRITANNIA MILLS 24F M Chapman 4-10-5		Mr Y Edwards
5	P	TOUZLA 48 K Morgan 4-10-5		A S Smith

6-4 Antarcticem, 5-2 Hold Your Hat On, 4-1 Take The Last, 7-1 others.

3.20 WEST LINDSEY EASTER CUP NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,785: 3m 1f) (5)

1	2104	RICHARDSON 61 (CD,F,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-12-0		D Byrne
2	23TP	RUSTIC SUNSET 19 (S) A Turnell 9-11-8		S McNeill
3	1P60	DUAL IMAGE 11 (F,S,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-3		L Wyer
4	1330	CLARES OVEN 11 (CD,F,S,S) J Wade 11-11-0		K Jones
5	2232	SHREWD JOHN 42 (CD,S) R Woodhouse 9-10-13		S McNeill
6	2122	EASTHORPE 8 (BF,F,S,S) Miss H Knight 7-10-13		J F Titley
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FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE: Rhein Fire 7 London Monarchs 23; Amsterdam 14 Frankfurt 12.

ATHLETICS

ROAD RUNNING: Folkestone: Cliff Temple Memorial: 10 miles: 1, M Linbourne (Medway) 50:48; 2, I Hamilton (Medway) 53:11. 3, R Phillips (Kent Police) 52:31. Team: 1, Medway 8: 2, Dartford 41; 3, South Kent Harriers 43. Women: 1, S Dawson (Herne Hill) 1:02:54; 2, S Sakar (Unattached) 1:05:04; 3, S Giles (Folkestone) 1:08:27. Team: Thanet Road Runners 21. Newport Open (10 miles): 1, S Brace (Bridgend) 49min 24sec (course record); 2, G Davies (Bridgend) 49:32; 3, W Buston (Bristol) 50:10. Team: 1, Bridgend 12pts. Womens: 1, S Lynch (Newport Harriers) 58:24; 2, B Boylands (Cardiff) 59:16; 3, D Cheverton (Newport H) 59:16. Team: 1, Newport Harriers, 24pts.

CROSS-COUNTRY: Guernsey Festival relay (4 x 2.2 miles): Team: 1, Whitehorse Harriers 45:36; 2, Aldershot, Farnham and District 46:00; 3, Guernsey AC 48:42. Women: Team: 1, Guernsey 56:28; 2, Portsmouth Joggers 62:31; 3, Guernsey 'B' 67:38.

CRAWLEY: Open meeting: 110m hurdles: J Thompson (Portsmouth) 16.3. Pole vault: L Walker (Crawley) 4.10m. Long jump: M Randall (Hastings) 6.95m. Triple Jump: P Ralph (GEC Avionics) 14.52m. Hammer: P Spivey (Belgrave) 61.90m. Women: 200m: S Williams (Walton) 25.2. 100m hurdles: J Bennett (Epsom and E) 15.1. High Jump: D Bennet (Epsom and E) 1.65m. Shot: C Bennet (Epsom and E) 12.21m. Hammer: L Spinks (Hounslow) 52.44m. Javelin: L Cook (Croydon) 42.46m.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

THIRD ROUND: Fremantle Doctores 18.13 (121) Fitzroy 11.12 (78); Carlton 23.20 (158) Footscray 8.12 (60); Geelong 18.14 (122) Collingwood 14.11 (95); West Coast Eagles 12.19 (91) North Melbourne 8.12. (60); Richmond 4.16 (40) Hawthorn 5.4 (34); Brisbane Bears 15.14 (104) Sydney Swans 14.15 (99), Adelaide Crows 18.14 (92) St Kilda 3.8 (26).

BOWLS

DARLINGTON: National inbed pairs: Group five: V Holloway and D Holt (Blackpool St) bt D Wilcox and M Marsden (Northwood) 18-11; S and M Evans (Taunton) bt J Royland and P Richmond (Roundwood) 19-6. Group six: A Sleaman and L Gillett (Chipping N) bt E Clarke and T Barnsley (Carlton) 18-12; P Fear and J Williams (Rugby Thi Bed web D Allen and M Cooper (Wellingboro) 12-12. Group seven: P Pettit and A Wyatt (Ipswich) bt B Smith and D Hayne (Bodmin) 18-11; B Smith and B Jenkins (Cambridge Pk) bt R and P Finney (Ilford) 19-11. Group eight: E and G Vigor (Croydon) bt K Myles and A King (Wealden) 20-11; J and A Stephenson (Darlington) bt C Lloyd and T Pullin (Portsmouth Vi) 21-12. Semi-finals: Croydon 19 Oyster 8; Grantham 17 Alherley 12.

BOXING

BELFAST: World Boxing Organisation Inter-continental light-middleweight title: P Jones (Sheffield) bt D Denny (Belfast) to 1st; Brdsh light-middle: D Jones (Gharnaf-Belfast) bt V Rose (Tottenham) rsc 3rd; Brdsh light: B McComisky (Guildford/Afrie) bt W Windell (Sheffield) rsc 5th; Brdsh heavy: D Corbett (Belfast) bt D Bailey (Liverpool) rsc 2nd; Brdsh welter: W Shedair (Belfast) bt M Duke (Yarmouth) rsc 2nd.

EQUESTRIANISM

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: Biddlesiock Trials: Advanced one: Star Appeal (M Thomson) 48; 2, Arctic Brown (P Muir) 46; Thomson) 48; 2, Arctic Brown (P Muir) 46; 3, General Jack (K Gilford) 52. Advanced two: Umpires (E Stibbe) 35; 2, Keyspool Spectrum (A Morris) 45; 3, Down Under (M Todd) 46. Advanced three: 1, King William (M Thomson) 39; 2, Prince Panache (K O'Connor) 44; 3, Etherted The Unready (M Todd) 47. Advanced four: 1, Till-a-Turn (D Foster) 40; 2, Dick Brown (P Muir) 42; 3, No Comment (O Moore) 44. Young riders trial: The Flying Dutchman (S Cuterridge).

HOCKEY

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Men (Cagliari, Italy): A Division: Pool A: Saturday: Real Club de Polo Barcelona 3 Elsternburg (Russ) 0; Harvestehuder (Ger) 3 Grange (Scot) 0. Yesterday: Elsternburg 3, Grange 1; Real Club de Polo 0 Harvestehuder 1. Final positions: 1, Harvestehuder 5pts; 2, Real Club de Polo 4; 3, Elsternburg 3; 4, Grange 0. Pool B: Saturday: Teddington 3 Pozziowic (Pol) 1; HDM (Hol) 2 Amsicora (It) 0. Yesterday: HDM 3, Teddington 0; Amsicora 2 Pozziowic 3. Final positions: 1, HDM 5; 2, Teddington 4; 3, Pozziowic 3; 4, Amsicora 0. Harvestehuder and HDM qualify for final. Women (Groningen, Holland): A Division: Pool A: Saturday: Amiens (Fr) 0 Lorenzoni (It) 0; Rüsselsheimer (Ger) 4 Muckross (Ire) 0. Yesterday: Rüsselsheimer 1 Amiens 0; Muckross 2 Lorenzoni 1. Final positions: 1, Rüsselsheimer 6; 2, Muckross 4; 3, Amiens 1; 4, Lorenzoni 1. Pool B: Saturday: Slough 13, Heriot Watt University (Scot) 0. Takatalshik (Russ) 0 Groningen (Hol) 0. Yesterday: Slough 3 Takatalshik 2; Groningen 4 Heriot Watt University 0. Final positions: 1, Slough 5, 2, Groningen 4; 3, Takatalshik 3; 4, Heriot Watt University 0. Russelsheimer and Slough qualify for final.

International match: Holland 1 India 0 (in Bloemendaal).

BLOEMENDAAL FESTIVAL: Men: Ladykillers (Eng) 4 France under-21 0; Amsterdam 2 Southgate 1, South Africa 1 Bloemendaal 1; Ladykillers 1 Klein Zwaserland 0. Women: Holland under-21 1 England under-21 0.

CANTERBURY FESTIVAL: Men: Cup: Teddies 4 Bude Swans 1; Welsh Dragons 5 France XI 0, Canterbury 2 Edinburgh CS 3; RAF 8 Grammarans (Gibraltar) 4, Teddies 2 MEP (Holl) 1; Kwekkers (Holl) 5 France XI 0; Canterbury 3 Bucks Swans 0; Welsh Dragons 2 RAF 0.

FOLKESTONE FESTIVAL: Italy 0 'sHeregenbosch (Holl) 0; Ghosts 0 Alsacon San Sebastian 2; Royal Louvain 6 AEN Wizards 1, Wales under-21 2 OAPS 2; Royal Louvain 2 OAPs 0; Herogenbosch 5 AEN Wizards 2.

SANTANDER: European youth tournament: Boys: Under-18: France 3 Scotland 1; England 2 Holland 4. Under-16: England 2 Rolland 6; France 5 Scotland 4. Girls: Under-18: England 0 Spain 2, Spain 4 Scotland 0; England 1 Holland 3. Under-16: England 0 Spain 1; Holland 5 Scotland 0; England 3 France 1.

WOMEN'S UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: Belgium 0 Scotland 1 (in Brussels).

MOTORCYCLING

LE MANS: 24-hour endurance race: 1, A Vieira (Fr), R Nicotte (Fr) and B Morrison (GB, Honda) 764 laps; 2, H Molineau, J Lavielle and J E Gomez (Fr, Suzuki) at 2 laps behind; 3, A Morillas, J M Delalang and D Bonois (Fr, Yamaha) at 13 laps behind.

MOTOR SPORTS

NAIROBI: Safari rally: Final standings: 1, Y Fujimoto (Japan, Toyota Celica Turbo) 17hr 30min 27sec; 2, K Shinozuka (Japan, Mitsubishi Lancer) 18:20:49; 3, I Duncan (Ken, Toyota Celica Turbo) 19:01:10; 4, H Meyoshi (Japan, Subaru Impreza) 21:37:05; 5, M Brighetti (Ken, Subaru Impreza) 22:43:20; 6, R Nelle (Ken, Mitsubishi Galant VR-4) 23:14:01; 7, M Galenti (Para, Toyota Celica GT-4) 23:18:26; 8, J Torolich (Ken, Toyota Celica Turbo) 23:28:27.

BRANDS HATCH: British Touring Car Championship: Third round: Qualifying times: 1, R Rydell (Swe, Volvo 850) 45.89sec; 2, J Cleland (GB, Vauxhall Cavalier) 46.07; 3, J Thompson (GB, Vauxhall Cavalier) 46.10; 4, J Nelson (GB, Honda Laguna) 46.23; 5, J Keye (GB, Honda Accord) 46.31; 7 P Watts (GB, Peugeot 405) 46.31; 8, T Sugden (GB, Toyota Carina) 46.38; 9, J Cecotto (Ven, BMW 318i) 46.38; 10, P Radisich (NZ, Ford Mondeo) 46.41. Fourth round: 1, R Rydell (Swe, Volvo 850) 45.55; 2, J Thompson (GB, Vauxhall Cavalier) 46.05; 3, J Cleland (GB, Vauxhall Cavalier) 46.22; 4, A Menu (Switz, Renault Laguna) 46.32; 5, K Burt (GB, Ford Mondeo) 46.43; 6, T Harvey (GB, Volvo 850) 46.51; 7, T Sugden (GB, Toyota Carina) 46.51; 8, J Cecotto (Ven, BMW 318i) 46.55; 9, S Harrison (GB, Peugeot 405) 46.56, 10, P Watts (GB, Peugeot 405) 46.59

NETBALL

PALMERSTON NORTH: Test series: New Zealand 60 England 36. (New Zealand lead three-match series 2-0)

ORIENTEERING

THIRSK: Open elite race: Men: 1, A Kichin (Edinburgh) 84:15, 2, N Conway (Leeds) 87:01, 3, A Berger (Switz) 88:27. Women: Y Hague (Marlow) 57:10, 2, K Bryan-Jones (Sheffield) 63:30; 3, J James (Sheffield) 64:24

REAL TENNIS

HOBART, Tasmania: World Championship. Final challenge: R Fahey (Aus) leads W Davies (Aus) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Friday's late results

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	30	Halifax					22
Bradford: Tries: Farbank 2, Newlovie 2, Simpson. Goals: Fox 5. Halifax: Tries: Preston 2, Hallas, Monarty. Goals: Schuster 3. Att: 7,046.							
Doncaster	18	Sheffield					56
Doncaster: Tries: Zeki 2, Whakarau. Goals: Green 2 Sheffield: Tries: Gamson 2, Broadbent, Carr, Hughes, Price, Sodje, Stott, Young. Goals: Mycoe 10 Att: 2,950							
Featherstone	8	Castleford					27
Featherstone: Try: Calland. Goal: Aston. Castleford: Tries: Crooks, Goddard, Hurland, Kemp. Goals: Crooks 4, Middleton. Dropped goal: Kemp. Att: 5,033							
Leeds	44	Hull					19
Leeds: Tries: Fallon 3, Cummins 2, Harmon Innes, Iro, Schofield Goals: Cook 4 Hull, Tries: Hewitt, McKenzie, G Nolan Goals: Hewitt 3 Dropped goal: Hewitt. Att: 11,204.							
Wakefield	12	Workington					26
Wakefield: Tries: Powell, Storer Goals: Wright 2 Workington: Tries: Carter, Gorley, McGurty, Pape Goals: Marwood 4. Dropped goals: Marwood 2. Att: 2,116							

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	28	25	0	3	1048	370	50
Leeds	28	23	1	4	817	459	47
Warrington	28	18	2	8	741	505	38
St Helens	28	18	1	9	735	516	37
Halifax	28	17	2	9	736	528	36
Castleford	27	17	2	8	738	526	36
Bradford	28	16	1	11	769	536	33
Sheffield	28	13	0	15	588	659	26
Oldham	27	11	1	15	498	658	23
Hull	28	10	1	17	454	715	21
Workington	28	9	1	18	564	741	19
Salford	28	9	0	19	420	691	18
Wakefield	27	8	1	18	498	627	17
Featherstone	27	8	1	18	477	645	17
Widnes	27	8	1	18	535	692	17
Hull	28	6	1	21	535	870	13
Doncaster	28	5	1	22	441	915	11

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Batley	28	Dewsbury					6
Huddersfield	34	Ryedale York					7
Hull KR	6	Keighley					14
Hunslet	22	Bramley					20
Keighley	28	22	0	6	848	311	45
Batley	28	22	0	6	710	395	44
Huddersfield	28	19	2	7	822	465	40
London Broncos	28	19	1	8	698	466	39
Whitehaven	28	18	0	10	691	456	36
Hull KR	28	16	0	12	776	445	32
Rochdale	28	16	0	12	743	520	32
Dewsbury	28	15	1	12	646	496	31
Hunslet	28	15	0	13	567	711	30
Ryedale York	28	13	2	13	655	597	28
Skelton	28	11	1	16	538	737	23
Bramley	27	10	0	17	518	547	20
Leigh	28	10	0	18	564	755	20
Carlisle	28	7	0	21	507	836	14
Barrow	28	5	0	23	462	775	10
Highfield	28	1	0	27	212	1466	2

National Conference League

Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saddleworth	18	Woolston					16
West Hull	50	Egremont					6
Wigan St Pat	26	Heworth					38
Woolston	15	12	1	2	358	162	25
Heworth	16	12	0	4	394	267	24
Dudley Hill	19	11	1	7	431	264	23
Askam	18	9	0	9	337	359	18
Saddleworth	17	7	2	8	298	289	16
Egremont	18	5	0	11	341	394	16
Wigan St P	19	5	0	10	287	344	16
Dudley Hill	19	7	0	12	259	337	14
Askam	18	1	0	15	150	450	2

Winfield Cup

Sixth round

Western Sub	22	Newcastle K	23
Penrith Panthers	8	Cronulla-S	11
Gold Coast S	22	Parramatta	18

SCHOOLS SPORT

FOOTBALL

ESFA Fuji Film Trophy: Semi-final: Newport I Islington and Camden 2

JERSEY: ESFA Festival: Orpington 0 Reading 4, Jersey 1 Plymouth 0, Hackney 0 Maidstone 0 Bishop Auckland 0 Chatham 2; Gloucester 5 South Oxford 0, Barking 0 Gravesham 2 West Cornwall 0 Newbury 6, Thurrock 2 Jersey 2 0

ETON FIVES

WOKINGHAM: Kinnaird Cup: Semi-final: R Mason and J Moe bt R Tyrer and P Marshall 12-6, 12-8, 12-4, E Wass and J Halbrook bt J Pinner and J Chapman 12-9, 12-3, 10-12, 12-8

SHINTY

KEYINE MACALLAY CUP: Final: Fort William 1 Clan Camanachd 2

STRATHDEARN CUP: Semi-finals: Beauly 2 Skye 1, kCmade 1 Kingussie 1

MARINE HARVEST LEAGUES: North: First division: Lochaber 0 Glenurquhan 3 Skye 0 Kingussie 2. Second division: Lochcarron 4 Inverness 1 Third division: Kinlochshiel 4 Inverness 1 Third division: Fort William 0 Glenurquhart 1. Fourth division: Caberfeidh 4 Ivernang 4. South: First division: Badenoch 3 Glasgow Mid Argyll 3. Glenorchy 4 Strachur 2. Inveraray 1 Kyles Athetic 1. Second division: Kilmory 0 Kyles Athletic 3 Inveraray 0

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Great Britain juniors invitation smallbore rifle meet: Men: 3 x 40 rifle: D Miles (GB) 1229 7 Prone rifle: M Jankowsky (Oldenburg, Germany) 593 4. Free pistol: S Preston (GB) 605 4. Air pistol: P Eilers (Oldenburg) 648 2. Junior men: Air rifle: M Blake (GB) 575. Women: Prone rifle: S Lee (GB) 579. Air pistol: S Bird (GB) 441.3. Air rifle: L Meier (GB) 479 5. Junior women: 3 x 20 rifle: S Lendzwerk (Ger) 533. Sport pistol: Open: A Parry (GB) 537. Overall points: GB 48, Oldenberg 16

BISLEY: Easter Target Rifle Meet: 300 yds: 1, R Hawley 75 13, 2, D Calvert 75 12 yds: 1, R Hawley 75 13, 2, D Calvert 75 12 900 yds: 1, J Carmichael 3 T Siegle 75 12 900 yds: 1, J Carmichael 3 T Siegle 75 12, 2 Calver, 75 12, 3, J Howard Davies 75 10. Queen's: 1, Calvert 104 15, 2, Hawley 104 12, 3, M Bell 104 11

SNOOKER

CRUCIBLE THEATRE, Sheffield: Embassy World Championships: First round: S Hendry (Scot) bt S Meadows (Eng) 10-3, T Drago (Malta) bt P Gawley (Eng) 10-2, M Davis (Eng) bt K Doherty (Ire) 10-7, G Wilkinson (Eng) bt J Wattana (Tha) 10-8, P Ebdon (Eng) bt R Lawler (Eng) 10-2, R O Sullivan (Eng) bt D Harold (Eng) 10-3, J White (Eng) bt P Francisco (SA) 10-2

SPEEDWAY

EASTBOURNE: British Championship: Qualifiers: 1, M Dugard (Eastbourne) 15, 2, D Barker (Eastb) 12, 3, D Norris (Reading) 12, 4, S Schofield (Poole) 12, 5, B Howe 12, 4, S Schofield (Poole) 12, 5, B Howe Ipswich) 10, 5, D Mullen (Reading) 10

PREMIER LEAGUE: Sheffield 73 Middlesboro 23, Glasgow 62 Wolverhampton 44, Edinburgh 54 Swindon 42, King's Lynn 48 Ipswich 47, Ipswich 53 King's L 43, A Essex 61 Reading 35 Peterboro 53 Eastbourne 43 Challenge: Poole 57 Exeter 39, Coventry 5 King's L 7 (abandoned) Bradford 55 Swindon 41 Cradley Hth 55 Reading 41

BRITISH ACADEMY CHALLENGE: Buxton 45 Stoke 50; Berwick 67 Cleveland 22 Linlithgow 59 Buxton 35, Mildenhall 39 Stoke 57.

SWIMMING

EDINBURGH: Uncle Ben's world challenge. Winners: Men. 100m freestyle: A Zubkov (Hun) 51.23sec. 200m freestyle: A Kasvio (Fin) 1:54.91. 1500m freestyle: A Kasvio (Fin) 16:40.41. 100m butterfly: J Hanelu (Fin) 57.17. 200m individual medley: J Sievinen (Fin) 2 8.36. 400m individual medley: J Sievinen (Fin) 4:31.48. 4 x 100m medley relay: Finland 3:49.80. Women: 100m freestyle: C Pisl (C Rica) 56.96. 200m freestyle: M Saimela (Fin) 2:08.07. 800m freestyle: C Pisl (C Rica) 8:48.29. 100m butterfly: M Parssinen (Fin) 62.35. 200m individual medley: Y Gerry (Bel) 2:24.26. 400m individual medley: Y Gerry (Bel) 5:01.38. 4 x 100m medley relay: Belgium 4:21.25.

TENNIS

BARCELONA: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals. G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 1-6 6-4 6-4. M Larsson (Swe) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-3 6-1. T Muster (Austria) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-3 3-6 7-5. Y Kafelnikov (Rus) bt T Champion (Fr) 6-4 6-3. Semi-finals: Larsson bt Ivanisevic 6-4, 4-6 6-4; Muster bt Kafelnikov 6-3, 6-3. Final: Muster bt Larsson 6-2, 6-1, 6-4

TOKYO: Japanese Open: Men. Semi-finals. A Agassi (US) bt W Ferreira (SA) 7-6 6-2, J Courier (US) bt M Chang (US) 6-4 7-5. Final: Courier bt Agassi 6-3, 6-4. Women. Semi-finals. K Date (Japan) bt N Miyagi (Japan) 6-1 6-2. A Frazier (US) bt Tang Man (HK) 6-3 6-3

Women: Final: Frazier bt Date 7-6, 7-5

HOUSTON: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals. S Hack (Ger) bt N Louarasbshvili (Georgia) 6-1 6-4; M Babel (Ger) bt S Cecchini (It) 6-4 6-3, A Carlsson (Swe) bt J Kruger (SA) 5-3 7-6, S Graf (Ger) bt T Whitlinger-Jones (US) 6-2 6-1. Semi-finals: Graf bt Hack 6-2, 6-2. Carlsson bt Babel 6-4, 6-3

WIMBLEDON: LTA Tour: Finals: Men: N Fulwood (Derby) bt T Sparks (Norfolk) 1-6, 7-6 6-4. Women: L Jeffs (Oxon) bt J Lumova (Russ) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4

DAVIS CUP: Asia-Oceania zone: Group III: Group A: Bahrain 2 Oman 1. Singapore 3 Syria 0. Kazakhstan 2 Brunei 1. Group B: Saudi Arabia 3 Bangladesh 0, Lebanon 3 United Arab Emirates 0, Pacific Oceania 3 Jordan 0.

ATP WORLD RANKINGS: 1, A Agassi (US) 4,403pts; 2, P Sampras (US) 4,216, 3, B Becker (Ger) 3,274, 4, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,566, 5, V Kafelnikov (Rus) 2,538, 6, M Chang (US) 2,519, 7, A Gomez (Sp) 2,479, 8, M Stich (Ger) 2,467, 9, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,364, 10, W Ferreira (SA) 2,030, 11, T Martin (US) 1,974, 12, M Larsson (Swe) 1,902, 13, R Krajicek (Holl) 1,896, 14, A Medvedev (Ukr) 1,869, 15, J Courier (US) 1,839, 16, S Edberg (Swe) 1,786, 17, T Muster (Austria) 1,748, 18, M Pioset (Switz) 1,500, 19, J Gaudenzi (It) 1,386, 20, T Enqvist (Swe) 1,299

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: Solo round the world race: Final stage (from Punta del Este) Leading positions (at 08:00GMT yesterday with miles to Charleston, US). Class one. 1, Sceta Catherson IC Augun, Fri 2,635miles, 2, Coyote (D Scully, US) 2,294, 3, Yeandee Chid (S Pennegill, US) 2,021, 4, Yeandee Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fra) 2,963, 5, Novet South Africa (J Proveyeur, SA) 2,219, 6, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 1,216. Class two: 1, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 3,021, 2, Pordak (G Scidra, It) 3,377, 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus)4,109, 4, Ilmacda II (N Vaughan, GB) 4129, 5, Cormeal (R Dawe, GB) 4,239, 6, Shuren-Dohn II (M Sano, Japan) 5,013

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First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gloucester	14	Northampton					13
Gloucester: Try: Sms Pens: Smith 3 Northampton: Try: Dawson. Con: Grayson Pens: Grayson 2							
Leicester	31	Bath					21
Leicester: Try: R Underwood Con: Liley. Pens: Liley 5 Dropped goals: Harris 3 Bath: Tries: Adebayo, Catt. Con: Callard Pens: Callard 3							
Orrell	10	Harlequins					28
Orrell: Try: Horrocks. Con: Ainscough. Pen: Ainscough. Harlequins: Tries: Mensah, Staples, Thresher Cons: Challinor 2. Pens: Challinor 3.							
Wasps	27	Bristol					15
Wasps: Tries: P Hopley, Kinsey. Con: Gregory. Pens: Gregory 5 Bristol: Pens: Tanton 5							
West Hartlepool	23	Sale					17
West Hartlepool: Tries: Cook, O Evans, Jaques Con: Stimpson. Pens: Stimpson 2 Sale: Tries: Yates 2, Malander Con: Liley							

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	16	13	1	2	353	226	27
Bath	16	11	3	2	335	208	25
Wasps	16	12	0	4	404	268	24
Sale	16	8	2	8	299	310	14
Bristol	16	7	0	9	286	319	14
Gloucester	16	6	1	9	238	265	13
Orrell	16	5	3	8	188	258	13
Harlequins	16	5	1	10	228	306	11
West Hartlepool	16	5	1	10	283	379	11
Northampton	16	4	0	12	227	310	8

LEADING SCORERS: 191: M Tanton (Bristol, 10 conversions, 55 penalty goals, 2 dropped goals), 172: J Harris (Leicester; 11c, 40pg, 10dg), 167: P Grayson (Northampton, 1 try, 9c, 46pg, 2dg). 142: J Callard (Bath; 1t, 13c, 37pg). 116: R Andrew (Wasps. 2t, 14c, 23pg, 3dg) 94: P Challinor (Harlequins: 1t, 4c, 25pg, 2dg). 92: P Turner (Sale; 1t, 18c, 14pg, 3dg).

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fylde	22	Coventry					8
Fylde: Tries: Barcley, Gough, Henavan. Cons: Barclay, Parker. Pen: Parker. Coventry: Try: Shepherd. Pen: Angell.							
London Irish	3	Wakefield					33
London Irish: Pen: Corcoran. Wakefield: Tries: Thompson 2. Garnett, Maynard Cons: Jackson 2. Pens: Jackson 3.							
London Scottish	17	Nottingham					18
London Scottish: Try: Clarke Pens: Steele 3. Dropped goal: Steele. Nottingham: Tries: Gallagher. West. Con: Stent Pens: Stent 2.							
Saracens	16	Newcastle Gos					16
Saracens: Tries: Clark 2. Pens: Tunnngley 2. Newcastle Gosforth: Try: Whitfield Con: Mason Pens: Mason 3							
Waterloo	12	Moseley					27
Waterloo: Tries: Swindells, Wright. Con: Swindells Moseley: Tries: Owen 2. Houston, Kerr. Cons: Hodgkinson 2. Pen: Hodgkinson.							

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	16	14	1	1	344	191	29
Wakefield	16	10	1	5	322	241	21
Newcastle G	17	8	2	7	351	249	18
London Scottish	17	8	0	9	329	314	16
London Irish	16	8	0	8	320	337	16
Waterloo	16	8	0	8	264	296	16
Moseley	16	7	1	8	271	284	15
Fylde	16	7	0	9	234	312	14
Nottingham	16	6	1	9	269	300	13
Coventry	16	2	0	14	202	376	4

LEADING SCORERS: 196: M Jackson (Wakefield, 2 tries, 15 conversions, 52 penalty goals). 186: S Mason (Newcastle Gosforth: 1t, 19c, 44pg, 2 dropped goals). 147: S Swindells (Waterloo. 1t, 8c, 42pg), A Tunningley (Saracens; 2t, 16c, 35pg). 136: M Corcoran (London Irish: 3t, 14c, 31pg). 133: S Hoogkinson (Moseley: 11c, 34pg, 3dg).

Third division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackheath	9	Richmond					45
Blackheath: Pens: Howard 3, Richmond: Tries: Fitzgerald 2, Hutton 2, Cuthbert. Cons: Gregory 4. Pens: Gregory 4.							
Exeter	6	Clifton					15
Exeter: Pens: Pauder 2, Clifton: Tries: Hogg, Wyatt Con: Hogg Pen: Hogg.							
Harrogate	15	Bedford					59
Harrogate: Tries: Clappison, Read Con: Clappison. Pen: Clappison. Bedford: Tries: Deans 2. Cook, Harris, Redrup, Stangeley, Whetstone, Wheat. Cons: Finne 5 Pens: Finne 3.							

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackheath	22	18	0	4	552	245	36
Richmond	22	17	0	5	546	241	34
Exeter	20	12	0	8	344	365	24
Bedford	21	11	2	8	455	432	24
Harrogate	20	11	0	9	446	298	22
Clifton	20	10	0	10	426	374	20
Rosslyn Park	21	8	0	13	292	420	16
Morley	20	7	0	13	312	400	14
Otley	21	7	0	14	314	575	14
Liverpool St H	21	7	0	14	288	502	14
Waterloo	20	6	1	13	288	502	13
Plymouth	21	4	0	17	274	592	8

Morley 18 Rosslyn Park 13

Morley: Pens: Grayshon 5 Dropped goal: Grayshon Rosslyn Park: Tries: Perren, Vancer. Pen: Gillen

Rugby 38 Otley 3

Rugby: Tries: Palmer 2, Bishop, Bowman, Saunders Cons. Quannil 2 Pens: Quannil 3 Otley: Pen: Rutledge

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bedford	17	12	1	4	400	230	25
Blackheath	17	11	2	4	271	190	24
Rugby	17	10	0	7	318	252	20
Otley	17	9	0	8	272	249	18
Rosslyn Park	17	9	0	8	263	245	18
Morley	17	8	2	7	268	320	18
Harrogate	17	7	2	8	240	354	16
Richmond	17	6	1	10	299	269	13
Clifton	17	5	1	11	223	307	11
Exeter	17	3	1	13	153	291	7

LEADING SCORERS: 222: A Finnie (Bedford, 21 conversions, 56 penalty goals, 4 dropped goals) 187: P Rutledge (Otley; 6 dropped goals) 157: J Grayshon (Morley, 1mes, 13c, 37pg) 157: J Grayshon (Morley, 2t, 12c, 36pg, 5dg). 129: S Howard (Blackheath; 9c, 35pg, 2dg). 123: J Gregory (Richmond; 1t, 17c, 28pg) 119: J Lindhgow 59 Buxton 35, Mildenhall 39 Quannil (Rugby; 2t, 17c, 25pg). 107: S Hogg (Clifton. 1t, 9c, 23pg, 5dg)

Fourth division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Askeans	34	Havant					25
Broughton Park	18	Rotherham					34
Liverpool St H	14	Reading					14
Plymouth	29	Aspatria					11
Redruth	20	Leeds					13
Rotherham	17	16	0	1	551	244	32
Reading	17	13	1	3	383	265	27
Liverpool St H	17	10	3	4	351	218	23
Havant	17	9	2	6	363	305	20
Leeds	17	7	0	10	275	283	14
Redruth	17	6	2	9	290	355	14
Aspatria	17	6	1	10	233	359	13
Plymouth	17	4	1	12	223	399	9
Askeans	17	4	0	13	309	375	8

Broughton Park 15 Aspatria 13

Fifth division north

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winnington Park	9	Kendal					10
Winnington Park	12	10	1	1	389	110	21
Walsall	11	8	1	2	203	146	17
Kendal	12	8	1	3	187	137	17
Preston G	12	6	1	5	209	186	13
Wharfedale	12	6	0	6	217	208	12
Lichfield	12	6	0	6	186	174	12
Stourbridge	12	6	0	6	154	154	11
Stoke	12	5	1	6	173	214	11
Winnington Park	12

EDUCATION

Class size does matter

Teachers are boycotting large classes — but how important are pupil numbers?

John O'Leary looks behind the statistics

Tomorrow morning the National Union of Teachers will debate — and almost certainly support — a boycott of "over-sized" classes. The more moderate Association of Teachers and Lecturers did the same last week, and the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers is sure to follow suit on Wednesday.

Class size is the issue of the moment, both with teachers and parents, who see it as the litmus-test of the controversy over school budgets. Nothing else is as obvious a measure of a school's commitment. But does the size of a class really matter to a child's education, or have parents been duped into preserving teachers' jobs? Why can countries in the Far East produce better results with teaching groups that were commonplace in English schools 30 years ago?

The answers are not as simple as they might seem. Although South Korea does have much larger classes than Britain, the same is not true throughout the Far East, let alone Europe. In Japan, for example, the average primary school class is smaller than its British counterpart, according to last week's OECD report. The Japanese school year is also nine weeks longer, and children attend on three Saturdays out of four.

An educational planner setting out to produce a more economical system through larger groups would not start from here. No matter how much critics might wish to turn the clock back, teaching methods, the curriculum and even school architecture are now all geared to smaller classes. Korean teachers do not have to contend with the discipline problems that have become endemic in inner-city schools, and do not attempt the small-group teaching favoured in Britain.

However, that is not to say that the relatively small changes in class sizes likely to be seen in most British schools justify the action being contemplated by the teachers' unions. Even the 14,000 job losses predicted in a Manchester University survey for *The Times Educational Supplement* would add less than one pupil to each teacher's load.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, is on safe ground claiming that there is no hard evidence to link marginal changes in class sizes with levels of achievement. The question is where, if at all, a line should be drawn. British research is less than definitive, but what there is suggests that large classes have most impact in the very places where they are most common: the primary schools.

Project STAR, for example, which compared 7,000 young pupils in 79 schools in Tennessee, showed that children in small classes did significantly better in reading and mathematics than those taught in larger groups. Other studies have reached similar conclusions, while inspectors have identified primary education as the sector most in need of improvement.

Professor Peter Mortimore, the director of London University's Institute of Education, says: "I do not argue that we need small classes all the time. But we have got things upside down in this country, with large classes in primary schools and smaller groups for older pupils."

Professor Alan Smithers, the head of Manchester University's Centre for Education and Employment Research, who carried out the *TES* survey, says small sixth forms are partly responsible for the imbalance. "There is no logic to the current arrangements. They are largely the result of historical accident."

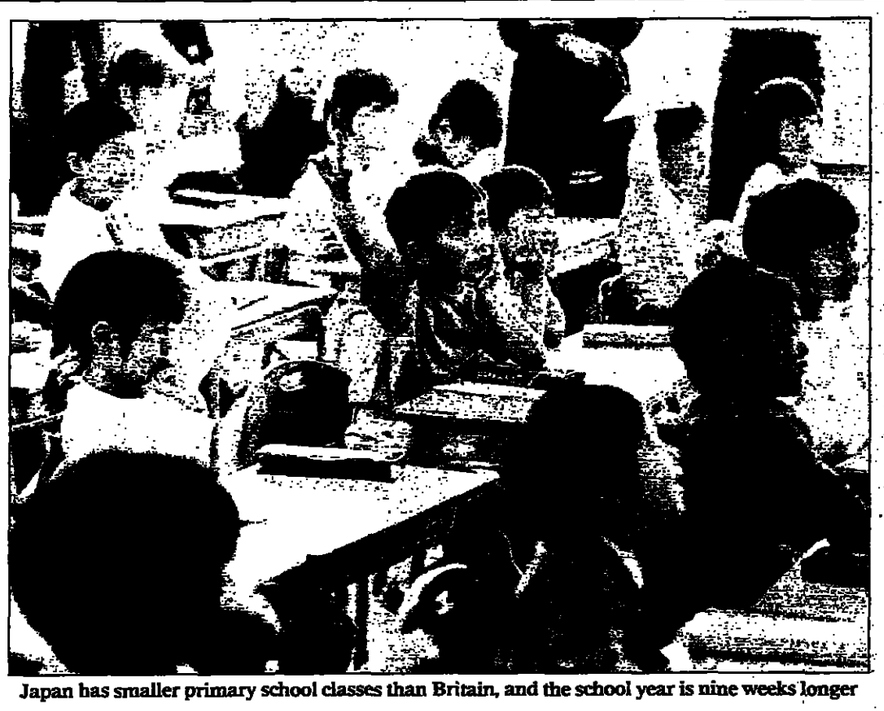
Only Sweden, of the countries compared by the OECD, has smaller classes in primary schools than in secondary education. But a growing body of academic opinion believes that this is the better balance. Older pupils are more self-sufficient, and respond well to the labour-saving electronic teaching that is becoming more widely available.

The key to altering the balance lies in the funding regime for state schools, which perpetuates the mismatch by paying almost twice as much for a secondary pupil as for a primary school child. The primary lobby has fought unsuccessfully for years to win a larger share of the education cake. No government is likely to reverse the system overnight, but some movement is essential if class sizes are to be contained where they are under most pressure.

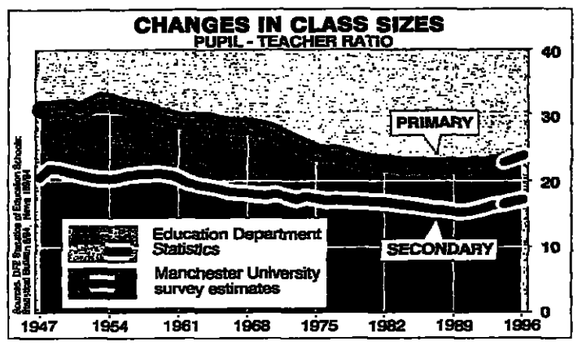
Professor Smithers expects the strain to show as staffing levels suffer in the coming year. "Especially in primary schools, it will mean that teachers are with their pupils all day every day and have little opportunity to prepare and keep up to date. One of the main differences in independent schools is that teachers have that invaluable non-contact time and consequently they are able to put more into their lessons."

Primary schools will be the main battleground in the coming disputes, if teachers follow the activists' lead. The unions may alienate parents through industrial action, but the evidence of opinion polls and local demonstrations suggests that the issue of class size will remain a hot political potato.

Professor Mortimore says: "Class size is the one thing that parents feel really strongly about, and those who dismiss it are often paying for smaller classes for their own children. The pity is that it has to come to this sort of stand-off. Frankly, industrial action is never the right way to make feelings felt in schools."



Japan has smaller primary school classes than Britain, and the school year is nine weeks longer



When choice is an extra

Minority subjects like Greek and Latin are being forced out of state schools

The national curriculum in its revised form should now be much more amenable to subjects outside the core of English, mathematics and science. Twenty per cent of the timetable for pupils aged five to 14 should, in theory, have been freed for Latin, Greek, economics, business studies, and so on.

In practice, however, it does not seem to be working like that. The national curriculum is not a free trade area. Its subjects rule not just the roost but the timetable, the school budgets, and every waking thought of headmasters and senior staff. Let a classicist ask for in-service training, for example, and he will be given short shrift in state schools: all the money will have been earmarked for national curriculum subjects. It is rather like a small, private corner shop trying to do business alongside a massive state-subsidised, state-protected superstore. The state can make what noises it likes about the desirability of such shops, but unless it offers them the same protection as the superstores, they are doomed.

This has a disturbing effect upon heads, never better illustrated than during a period of cuts. In such circumstances, heads equate "education" with "the national curriculum", and head after head is now arguing that he or she cannot even deliver that. This is understandable, given the legal gun pointing at their heads — but what a condemnation of the system which encourages such a tunnel vision.

The astonishing thing about all this is that this educational protectionism was imposed by a government apparently committed to variety and choice. Yet minority subjects, which *alone* offer any element of choice and variety in the great national curriculum lump, are being ruthlessly forced out. When even PE is feeling the squeeze, what chance Greek? As a new survey by the Joint Association of Classical Teachers shows, Latin and Greek in state schools are being taught more and more in lunch-times and out of school — if at all.

Here, then, we see a community of expert teachers, in love with their subject, prepared to commit endless time, effort and ingenuity to maintaining it, against apparently ceaseless opposition. Any government worth its salt would regard such a dedicated community as an asset.

There is a way ahead. Inevitably, it requires money. But that is what we pay taxes for, and minority-subject teachers pay taxes, too. The point is that it requires money on a staggeringly trivial scale.

I calculate that for the price of a mediocre Endsleigh Insurance League football player per year — let us say, £500,000 — the study of classics could be made securely available in most areas (50 schools at £10,000, or 100 at £5,000 per annum). Compare the hundreds of millions spent on the curriculum.

We are talking part-time teachers here, of course; but the need is there, and from little acorns, oaks do grow. It would involve the Government in co-operation with national teachers' associations to target appropriate schools in appropriate areas. And it could act as a pattern for other minority subjects, too.

Let there be no doubt about this. We can bid variety and choice farewell if minority subjects are not given a fraction of the privileges that national curriculum subjects presently enjoy.

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Port authorities have no discretion to exclude live calf trade

Regina v Coventry Airport, Ex parte Phoenix Aviation
Regina v Dover Harbour Board, Ex parte Peter Gilder and Sons
Regina v Associated British Ports, Ex parte Plymouth City Council
Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Popplewell
[Judgment April 12]

Coventry Airport, Dover Harbour Board and Millbay Docks, Plymouth had no general discretion under their respective statutory regimes to distinguish between different lawful trades; and even if they had they could not properly exercise it to ban the livestock trade on grounds that it was generating unlawful disruption.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting applications by Phoenix Aviation and Peter Gilder & Sons for judicial review of the refusal by Coventry Airport and Dover Harbour Board, respectively, to handle the shipping of livestock intended for slaughter; and in dismissing an application by Plymouth City Council for judicial review of a decision by Associated British Ports that it had no discretion to ban such livestock trade through Millbay Docks, Plymouth.

Lord Kingsland, QC and Ms Karen McHugh for Phoenix Aviation; Mr Stuart Isaacs, QC, Mr Clive Lewis and Mr Paul Brown for Coventry City Council.

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr David Anderson for Dover Harbour Board; Mr David Vaughan, QC, Mr David Lloyd-Jones and Mr Philip Moser for Peter Gilder & Sons.

Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr Nicholas Green for Plymouth City Council; Mr Richard Field, QC, Mr Nigel Giffin and Mr Nigel Porter for ABP.

Mr Charles Haddon-Cave for the National Farmers Union; Mr Nigel Pleader, QC and Mr Peter Duffy for Compassion in World Farming (CWF); Mr Flockman, QC, for the Chief Constable of Kent, interveners.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the export of live animals for slaughter was lawful but many thought it immoral. They objected in particular to the shipment of live calves for rearing in veal crates, a practice banned in this country since 1990.

The result was that for some months past the trade had attracted widespread concern and a great deal of highly publicised protest. Some of that protest was lawful, some alas was not.

It was the actual and threatened unlawful activity of animal rights protesters which underlay the instant applications. It was fear of unlawful disruption which had prompted Coventry and Dover to refuse the trade and which prompted Plymouth City Council to seek a similar ban.

All three authorities expressly disavowed animal welfare considerations as any part of their motivations, although earlier it had been otherwise with both Coventry and Plymouth City Councils.

The initial issue was the respective statutory regimes under which each port authority operated which was said in each case to be relevant to the question whether the authority enjoyed any discretion to refuse to accept lawful trade.

Coventry City Council maintained Coventry Airport. Under the terms of the airport's licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority pursuant to article 78 of the Air Navigation Order (SI 1989 No 2004) the requirement that the airport, when available, was "available to all persons on equal terms and conditions" meant what it said.

It could not be construed as "all persons who do not carry live animals" nor as "all persons on condition that they do not carry live animals". So to construe a public-use licence would destroy its intended effect.

Section 33 of the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847, applied to the Port of Dover by section 3(2) of the Dover Consolidation Act 1954, provided: "Upon payment of the rates made payable . . . the harbour, dock and pier shall be open to all persons for the shipping and unshipping of goods, and the embarking and landing of passengers."

There could be no doubt that an appropriation properly made under article 3(1) of the Dover Harbour Revision Order 1969 enabled the board to derogate from the full width of its obligation under section 33. It could appropriate some or all of its harbour for the exclusive or preferential use of, inter alia, "any particular trade".

An appropriation had to be narrowly construed to derogate as little as possible from the freedom enshrined in section 33.

His Lordship did not accept that the appropriation in force since 1992 could be invoked to exclude the applicants' proposed regular cross-Channel service to Dunkirk. Rather the applicants, and indeed any other person proposing a similar regular operation, were entitled, subject only to approval as to financial standing and status, to be treated similarly to the existing ferry operators.

There was, in short, no discretion in the board to refuse the applicants' trade on any ground whatever: neither that of disruption, assuming, contrary to what the court would hold, that the fear of unlawful disruption could in any event properly found a lawful exercise of discretion to refuse the applicants' trade, nor that of insufficient capacity. If a berth was in fact free when the applicants sought it, then the board had to allow them to use it: section 33 so dictated.

Section 33 was applied to Millbay Docks by section 56 of the Great Western Railway Act 1892. Section 50 of the British Transport Docks Act 1966 was similar to article 3 of the Dover Harbour Revision Order 1969.

Clearly section 50, like article 3 in Dover, afforded the port authority its best, indeed only, opportunity to derogate from section 33. As stated, however, it could never properly be deployed solely to ban one particular lawful trade, least of all on the ground that handling that trade was likely to cause unlawful disruption.

His Lordship considered various authorities including *Meade v Haringey London Borough Council* ([1979] 1 WLR 637) and *Regina v Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, Ex parte Central Electricity Generating Board* ([1982] 1 QB 458) and concluded that the body of authority provided singularly little support for the contentions advanced by those seeking to bar the livestock trade from their ports.

If the court were right in holding in each case that the port authority enjoyed no discretion in the matter, then plainly there existed no such emergency as could begin to justify non-compliance with their duty to accept lawful trade: they would have no defence of necessity.

Even, however, if the port authorities were to be regarded as having a discretion to determine which legal trades to handle, then they could not properly exercise it here in favour of the ban.

One thread ran consistently throughout all the case law: the recognition that public authorities had to beware of surrendering to the dictates of unlawful pressure groups. The implications of such surrender for the rule of law could hardly be exaggerated.

Of course, on occasion, a variation or even short term suspension of services might be justified. As suggested in certain of the authorities that might be a lawful response. But it was one thing to respond to unlawful threats, quite another to submit to them: the difference, although perhaps difficult to define, would generally be easy to recognise.

Tempting though it might sometimes be for public authorities to yield too readily to threats of disruption, they had to expect the courts to review any such decisions with particular rigour. This was not an area where they could be permitted a wide measure of discretion. As when fundamental human rights were in play, the courts would adopt a more interventionist role.

Turning to the present cases, all of them had one thing in common, a consideration that brought small credit to any of the three authorities concerned to bar this trade.

None of them, it appeared, gave the least thought to the awesome implications for the rule of law of doing what they proposed. None considered the inevitable impact upon the future conduct of protesters: that their even more enthusiastic activities would concentrate upon an ever smaller number of outlets. None seemed to have considered the legitimate interests of all those whose livelihood depended upon that lawful trade.

Rather, each authority appeared to have focused exclusively upon its own narrow self interest. Of course there were security and safety implications involved in handling that trade. But so too were there in refusing it, for the protests would not cease, rather they would intensify elsewhere.

Whil not wishing to dwell long upon the interests of those presently suffering from the ban, the court should indicate something at least of the evidence put forward by the NFU.

Calf exports, normally producing an income of £95 million per annum had fallen by 50 per cent; lamb exports normally producing £80 million per annum, by some 70 per cent. The effect on beef and lamb prices was devastating for many.

In short, unless the regular ports, including Dover in particular, were speedily opened to the livestock trade, the farming community of England and Wales faced major economic crisis with a large number of the country's 20,000 dairy farmers and 60,000 sheep and beef farmers eventually likely to go out of business.

Given that the court was ordering the port authorities to accept the livestock trade, it seemed appropriate to stress certain matters.

First, the police had ample powers to control unlawful protest and ensure that the general public, including other port users, were not intolerably affected by it.

Second, there was no reason to doubt the entire respectability of CWF and its intention to act solely within the law; his Lordship indeed applauded its concern for animal welfare.

Third, the court expected all those concerned in the demonstrations now to recognise both the limitations upon their lawful right of protest and also the pointlessness of exceeding them. It was impossible for the various port authorities to submit to unlawful protest even if they wished to do so.

It might indeed be doubted whether there remained any logic in protesting at the ports. The only body properly able to ban that lawful trade was Parliament itself, unless indeed the secretary of state was advised that even that would be unlawful under Community law, in which case the only solution lay across the Channel.

Pending any change in the law, however, nothing surely could be more calculated to disaffect the wider public whose broad support all animal welfare bodies needed than that they should severely disrupt ordinary port operations in future.

Solicitors: Beachcroft Stanleys for Clarke Willmott & Clarke, Taunton; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr Andrew H. Pitts, Coventry.

Mowll & Mowll, Dover; Cole & Cole, Oxford.

Mr Michael J. H. Bownes, Plymouth; Mr Reginald V. Pearce.

Mr Richard Vidal, NFU; Bindman & Partners; Mr R. A. Crabb, Maidstone.

Intention to deport notice valid

Regina v Governor of Wolds Prison and Another, Ex parte Samateh
Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Peter Gibson
[Judgment March 28]

A notice of intention to deport could be served on a person with an outstanding claim for asylum because the notice was not a requirement to leave the United Kingdom and therefore did not contravene section 6 of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing the appeal of Baba Sheriff Samateh against the refusal by Mr Justice Judge in the Queen's Bench Division on February 17 of his application for a writ of habeas corpus ad subjiciendum.

On August 12, 1994 the appellant, a Gambian national whose leave to remain in the UK had expired, told immigration officers that he wished to seek asylum. On the same day he was served with notice of the intention of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to deport him and he has been detained since that time.

Section 6 of the 1993 Act provides: "During the period beginning when a person makes a claim for asylum and ending when the secretary of state gives him notice of the decision on the claim, he may not be removed from, or required to leave, the United Kingdom."

Mr Alper Riza, QC and Mr Martin Soorjoo for the appellant; Mr Steven Kovats for the Home Secretary and the prison governor.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the appellant had argued that the decision to make a deportation order in respect of him was unlawful because it was made while his claim for asylum was still outstanding. Therefore, his detention had not been lawfully authorised.

The critical question was whether the words "removed from, or required to leave the United Kingdom" in section 6 of the 1993 Act applied to a decision to make a deportation order.

It was perfectly clear from a study of the Immigration Act 1971 that there was a distinction between the decision of the Home Secretary to make the deportation order and the actual making of the order. It was the actual making of the order which required the immigrant to leave the UK.

If the appellant's submissions were right, where a claim for asylum was made it would have to be resolved before the Home Secretary could make a determination as to a deportation order. If the Home Secretary was right the two processes could take place concurrently.

The Home Secretary could be deciding whether there was a right to asylum and any appeal could be proceeding on that decision. Second, he could be deciding whether, if there was no right of asylum, there should be a deportation order and an appeal could be proceeding on that.

For the two routes to be followed simultaneously made good sense, given the delays that could occur in immigration cases. His Lordship could see no reason why Parliament had not intended that result and, accordingly, the appeal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Beldam gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Mr H. Forrest, Hull; Treasury Solicitor.

Abuse of process principles same for different offences

Regina v South Tyneside Justices, Ex parte Mill Garages Ltd and Another
Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Keen
[Judgment March 3]

There was no justification for contending that the principles of law as to abuse of process differed in respect of regulatory offences, purely summary offences and other criminal offences.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when dismissing an application for judicial review by Mill Garages Ltd and Mr Stuart Graham of the refusal on July 18, 1994 by South Tyneside Justices to stay proceedings concerning charges under section 1(1)(a) of the Trades Description Act 1968 brought by South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council on the ground of abuse of process. The information alleged that on March 20, 1993 the applicants falsely indicated that a used car was an ex-Rover management car.

Mr Kevin De Haan for the applicants; Mr John Blair-Gould for the council.

MR JUSTICE KEENE said that the prosecution had been within the statutory time limit under section 19(1) of the Act and there was no stricter obligation to prosecute where the trade description was oral.

Although the oral nature of the representation leading to an offence was a relevant factor in the justices' exercise of discretion, the test for an allegation of an abuse of process was the same whether the representation was oral, written or by conduct. The justices had found, inter alia, that there was no fault on the part of the prosecution for the delay.

His Lordship said that it was important that a trading standards department, while using all due dispatch, should not start proceedings before it had examined all circumstances of the offence. It had to strike a balance between adequacy of investigation and avoidance of unconscionable delay. Justices were entitled to take that into consideration.

His Lordship added that there was no justification to distinguish between regulatory offences and criminal offences in general when applying the principles governing the exercise of power to stay on the ground of delay.

Lord Justice Pill agreed.

Solicitors: Harris Rosenblatt & Kramer; Mr Christopher Bradley, South Shields.

Majority wish wigs in court to be discontinued

Practice Direction: Court Dress

Following *Practice Direction (Court Dress)* (*The Times* July 20, 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 1056) views were sought from organisations and individuals closely concerned with the working of the courts on the dress appropriate for advocates in the light of extensions to rights of audience under the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so stated in a *Practice Direction* handed down in the Supreme Court of Judicature on behalf of the Lord Chancellor of April 11.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said:

As with the wider consultation undertaken in August 1992, there was no consensus among those individuals and organisations who responded. But, while most of those who responded previously favoured the retention of existing court dress, including wigs, a majority on this occasion wanted the wearing of wigs to be discontinued, if not immediately then in the future.

It was also relevant that solicitors appearing as advocates traditionally had not worn wigs in courts in Scotland, in county courts, or in those crown courts, and previously quarter sessions, in which they had traditionally enjoyed rights of audience.

Against that background, the Lord Chancellor, having consulted the heads of division, concluded that the practice of wearing wigs should not be extended. The requirements of the 1994 *Practice Direction* were reaffirmed:

Queen's Counsel wear a short wig and silk, or stuff, gown over a court coat; junior counsel wear a short wig and stuff gown with bands; solicitors wear a black stuff gown with bands but no wig.

The rules and practice concerning court dress would be kept under review.

This *Practice Direction* applied throughout the Supreme Court, including the crown court, and in county courts.

Surety for part of debt entitled to share rateably

In re Butlers Wharf Ltd
Before Mr Richard Sykes, QC
[Judgment March 30]

A surety for a part of a larger debt who had discharged the full amount for which he was surety was entitled to share rateably with the principal creditor in any security which had been given for the whole debt.

Mr Richard Sykes, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held in a reserved judgment on an application under section 35 of the Insolvency Act 1986 by Nigel James Hamilton and Alan Robert Bloom, the administrative receivers of Butlers Wharf Ltd, and Midland Bank plc, the secured creditor which appointed the receivers.

The respondents to the application were Sir Terence Conran, Five Arrows Ltd and Clydesdale Bank plc.

Mr Simon Mortimore, QC and Mr John McCaughran for the receivers and Midland; Mr Peter Goldsmith, QC and Mr Mark Phillips for Sir Terence Conran and Clydesdale; Five Arrows took no part in the proceedings.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Sir Terence Conran acquired the company in order to buy and develop Butlers Wharf. Over £30 million was borrowed and the site was purchased on May 31, 1984.

By a facility letter dated November 5, 1984 Midland made available to the company £32 million to provide working capital and to replace the existing loan. Midland took full security in the form of fixed and floating charges over all the assets and undertakings of the company as security for "all moneys and liabilities which now are or shall at any time hereafter be due or owing or incurred to the bank by the company".

In succeeding years various rearrangements of the company's financing were effected. In particular by a facility letter dated December 20, 1988 the facility was raised to £40 million, later increased to £58 million by a third facility letter dated September 12, 1990, on the same security as the original advance.

A further facility of £10 million was granted specifically to permit the redemption of redeemable shares in the company, "the redemption advance". The security for the redemption advance was a memorandum of deposit and charge under which Sir Terence was to deposit securities listed on the Stock Exchange of greater value than the redemption advance. The other two respondents provided charges or guarantees of lesser sums.

In 1989 the company went into default under the second facility as a result of the downturn in the property market. On December 13, 1990 Midland appointed the receivers as administrative receivers under the fixed and floating charges in the company debenture.

The receivers sold Sir Terence's shares held under the memorandum of deposit and realised £8,380,365.67. The other two respondents paid over £1 million each under their charges.

The total amount recovered, £10,889,882.11, was credited to suspense accounts in the name of Midland. The full amount of the redemption advance with interest accrued was £10,790,504.52.

On a construction of the relevant documents his Lordship reached the conclusion that the redemption advance was discharged once the sums in the suspense account were as great as the sums owed in respect of the redemption advance.

The principal issue then was: was a surety [Sir Terence] for a part [the £10 million] of a larger debt [£58 million] who had discharged the full amount for which he was surety entitled to share rateably with the principal creditor [Midland] in any security which had been given [the charge over the company's assets] for the whole debt?

It was well established that, subject to express terms of the guarantee to contrary effect, the surety was entitled, upon the insolvency of the principal debtor, to share rateably with the principal creditor in amounts paid by way of dividend in respect of the whole debt: see *Thornton v McKewan* ([1862] 1 H & M 525), *Gray v Seckham* ([1872] 7 Ch App 680).

Mr Mortimore sought to challenge a related principle, universally accepted by the textbooks, namely that any security given by the principal debtor for the whole debt had to be shared between the principal creditor, the remainder of whose debt remained outstanding, and the surety: *Goodwin v Gray* ([1874] 22 WR 312). He invited the court to prefer *Farebrother v Woodhouse* ([1856] 23 Beav 18).

In his Lordship's judgment, however, *Farebrother v Woodhouse* was of no assistance simply because it was a decision based on the right to tack; additionally it was doubtful whether it was ever good law. It threw no doubt on the *Goodwin v Gray* principle which remained good law.

Accordingly, Sir Terence, Clydesdale and Five Arrows were entitled to be subrogated and to participate in the security provided to Midland by the company.

Solicitors: Clifford Chance; Freshfields; Cameron Markby Hewitt.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

Broadcasters' abuse of dominant position



Radio Telefis Eireann and Independent Television Publications Ltd (supported by Intellectual Property Owners Inc, intervener) v Commission of the European Communities (supported by Magill TV Guide Ltd, intervener at first instance)
Joined Cases C-241/91P and C-242/91P
Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges F. A. Schockweiler, P. J. G. Kapteyn, G. F. Mancini, C. N. Kakouris, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida and J. L. Murray
Advocate General C. Gulmann
[Opinion June 1, 1994]
[Judgment April 6]

It did not follow from the fact that the determination of rules for the protection of intellectual property rights was a matter for the national law of member states that where the conduct of an undertaking in a dominant position consisted of the exercise of a right of copyright, such conduct could never be reviewed in relation to article 86 of the EEC Treaty and in exceptional circumstances such exercise of an exclusive right could involve abusive conduct.

Hence, there was no error of law in a ruling that the conduct of English and Irish television bodies in denying to a third party, on copyright grounds, information from which to compile a comprehensive weekly guide to television programmes, constituted abuse of a dominant position.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held, inter alia, in dismissing appeals by RTE, a public authority whose office was in Dublin, and ITP, an English company whose registered office was in London, supported by IPO, whose registered office was in Washington DC, from the judgments of the Court of First Instance in (Case T-69/89) *RTE v Commission* (*The Times* October 21, 1991; [1991] ECR II-485) and (Case T-76/89) *ITP v Commission* (*The Times* October 21, 1991; [1991] ECR II-575), in which that court had dismissed applications for annulment of Commission Decision 89/205/EEC of December 21, 1988 (OJ 1989 L78 p43).

Most households in Ireland and 30 to 40 per cent of households in Northern Ireland could receive television programmes broadcast by RTE, ITV and the BBC.

At the material time no comprehensive weekly television guide was available on the market in Ireland or Northern Ireland, although there were arrangements for newspapers to publish, under licence, daily listings and highlights of the week.

Each television station published a guide covering its own programmes and claimed, under Irish and United Kingdom legislation, copyright protection for its weekly listings in order to prevent their reproduction by third parties.

ITV published its guide through ITP, a company established for that purpose. Magill TV Guide Ltd attempted to publish a comprehensive weekly guide but was prevented from doing so by injunctions obtained by ITP, RTE and the BBC.

On a complaint lodged by Magill, the Commission in Decision 89/205 found that there had been a breach of article 86 and ordered the three organisations to put an end to the breach.

Article 86 provides: "Any abuse by one or more undertakings of a dominant position within the common market . . . shall be prohibited as incompatible with the common market in so far as it may affect trade between member states. Such abuse may, in particular, consist in . . . (b) limiting production, markets or technical development to the prejudice of consumers."

In its judgment the Court of Justice held:

A ground of appeal common to both appeals was that the Court of First Instance had misconstrued the concept of abuse of a dominant position. So far as dominant position was concerned, mere ownership of an intellectual property right could not confer such a position.

However, the basic information as to the channel, day, time and title of programmes was the necessary result of programming by television stations, which were thus the only source of such information for an undertaking like Magill which wished to publish it together with commentary or pictures.

By force of circumstance, RTE, ITP and the BBC enjoyed a de facto monopoly over the information used to compile listings for the television programmes received in most households in Ireland and some in Northern Ireland.

The appellants were thus in a position to prevent effective competition on the market in weekly television magazines. The Court of First Instance was therefore right in confirming the Commission's assessment that the appellants occupied a dominant position.

As to abuse, the arguments of the appellants and IPO wrongly presupposed that where the conduct of an undertaking in a dominant position consisted of the exercise of a right classified by national law as copyright, such conduct could never be reviewed in relation to article 86 of the Treaty.

It was true that in the absence of Community standardisation or harmonisation of laws, determination of the conditions and procedures for granting protection of an intellectual property right was a matter for national rules.

Further, the exclusive right of reproduction formed part of the author's rights, so that refusal to grant a licence, even if it was the act of an undertaking holding a dominant position, could not in itself constitute abuse of a dominant position: see paragraphs 7 and 8 of (Case 238/87) *AB Volvo v Erik Veng (UK) Ltd* ([1988] ECR 6211).

However, it was also clear from paragraph 9 of that judgment that the exercise of an exclusive right by the proprietor could, in exceptional circumstances, involve abusive conduct.

On the basis of the Court of First Instance's findings, the appellants' refusal to provide basic information by relying on national copyright provisions prevented the appearance of a new product, a comprehensive weekly guide to television programmes, which the appellants did not offer and for which there was a potential consumer demand.

Such refusal constituted an abuse under (b) of the second paragraph of article 86 of the Treaty.

Moreover, there was no justification for such refusal either in the activity of television broadcasting or in that of publishing television magazines.

Third, as the Court of First Instance also held, the appellants by their conduct reserved to themselves the secondary market of weekly television guides by excluding all competition on that market, as they denied access to the basic information which was the raw material indispensable for the compilation of such a guide.

In the light of all those matters, the Court of First Instance did not err in law in holding that the appellants' conduct was an abuse of a dominant position within article 86.

The Court of Justice then considered, and rejected, other grounds of appeal, and concluded that the appeals were to be dismissed.

Court declines to rule on UK conflict

Kleinwort Benson Ltd v City of Glasgow District Council
Case C-346/93
Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges F. A. Schockweiler, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, G. F. Mancini, C. N. Kakouris, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, J. L. Murray, D. A. O. Edward, J.-P. Puissochet and G. Hirsch
Advocate General G. Tesauro
[Opinion January 31]
[Judgment March 28]

In proceedings brought in England in which there was raised an issue of jurisdiction as between the English and Scottish courts, the Court of Justice of the European Communities declined to give a preliminary ruling on a question seeking guidance on the interpretation of provisions of the Brussels Convention 1968, on the ground that, in view of English legislation containing provisions modelled on but not identical to the Convention, any such interpretation given by the Court of Justice would not be binding.

A preliminary ruling had been sought by the Court of Appeal pursuant to the Protocol of June 3, 1971 on the interpretation by the Court of Justice of the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters 1968 (OJ 1978 L304 p36), in Schedule 1 to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982.

Under interest-rate swap contracts between the plaintiff bank and Glasgow District Council, the bank made certain payments to the council between 1983 and 1987.

After the House of Lords held in *Hazell v Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council* (*The Times* January 25, 1991; [1992] 2 AC 1) that it was beyond the powers of local authorities to enter into such contracts, which were consequently void ab initio, the bank brought in England an action founded on unjust enrichment seeking restitution of the sums paid.

The council claimed that the action had to be brought in Scotland, the place of its domicile. The bank argued that the English court had jurisdiction as the council was being sued either in matters relating to a contract within article 5(1) of Schedule 4 to the 1982 Act, or in matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict within article 5(3) of that Schedule.

On appeal by the bank from a ruling by the High Court that it did not have jurisdiction to determine the action, the Court of Appeal considered that the resolution of the dispute required a decision on the scope of and relation between article 5(1) and (3) of Schedule 4, whose wording was substantially the same as that of article 5(1) and (3) of the Brussels Convention and on whose interpretation the Court of Justice had not yet ruled.

It referred for a preliminary ruling the question whether, in an action such as that brought by the bank, the defendant was being sued "in matters relating to a contract" in the meaning of article 5(1) of the Convention or "in matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict" in the meaning of article 5(3) of the Convention.

Article 5 of the Convention provides: "A person domiciled in a contracting state may, in another contracting state, be sued:

"(1) in matters relating to a contract, in the courts for the place of performance of the obligation in question . . .

"(3) in matters relating to tort, delict or quasi-delict, in the courts for the place where the harmful event occurred . . ."

In its judgment the Court of Justice held:

The principal purpose of the 1982 Act was to render the Convention applicable in the United Kingdom, but it also provided for the allocation of civil jurisdiction as between the three separate jurisdictions within the United Kingdom: England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

To that end, Schedule 4 contained certain provisions modelled on the Convention; thus, article 2 enshrined the principle that the courts of the defendant's domicile were to have jurisdiction.

Section 16(3)(a) provided that, in determining any question as to the meaning or effect of any provision in Schedule 4, "regard shall be had to any relevant principles laid down by the European Court in connection with Title II of the 1968 Convention and to any relevant decision of that court as to the meaning or effect of any provision of that Title."

It was common ground that the purpose of the interpretation which the Court of Justice was asked to give of the Convention provisions at issue was to enable the national court to decide on the application, not of the Convention, but of the national law.

In those circumstances, the question arose as to the jurisdiction of the Court to give a preliminary ruling on the question submitted by the Court of Appeal.

Although certain provisions of Schedule 4 were taken almost word for word from the Convention, the 1982 Act took the Convention as a model only, and other provisions, in particular article 5(3), departed from the wording of the corresponding Convention provision.

Moreover, express provision was made in the 1982 Act, in section 47, for the authorities to adopt modifications "designed to produce divergence" between any provision of Schedule 4 and a corresponding provision of the Convention, as interpreted by the Court of Justice.

Accordingly, the provisions of the Convention which the court was asked to interpret could not be regarded as having been rendered applicable as such, in cases outside the scope of the Convention, by the national law.

The 1982 Act did not require the national courts to decide disputes before them by applying absolutely and unconditionally the interpretation of the Convention provided to them by the court, as, when those courts applied provisions modelled on those of the Convention, they were required only to have regard to the Court of Justice's case law concerning the interpretation of the corresponding provisions of the Convention, whereas when the Convention applied to the dispute, section 3(1) provided that "any question as the meaning or effect of any provision of the Convention shall, if not referred to the European Court . . . be determined in accordance with the principles laid down by and any relevant decision of the European Court."

In a case such as the present, where the Convention was not applicable, the national court was therefore free to decide whether the interpretation given by the Court of Justice was equally valid for the purposes of the application of the national law based on the Convention.

Accordingly, if the Court of Justice were to declare that it had jurisdiction to give a ruling on the question referred, its interpretation of the provisions of the Convention would not be binding on the national court.

It could not be accepted that the replies given by the Court of Justice to the courts of the contracting states were to be purely advisory and without binding effect: that would be to alter the function of the Court of Justice as envisaged in the 1971 Protocol, namely that of a court whose judgments were binding.

On those grounds the Court of Justice ruled that it did not have jurisdiction to give a preliminary ruling on the question submitted by the Court of Appeal.

Right to deduction of input VAT

BLP Group plc v Customs and Excise Commissioners
Case C-4/94

Where a taxable person supplied services to another taxable person who used them for an exempt transaction, the latter was not, except in cases expressly provided for in two EEC Directives, entitled to deduct input value-added tax paid in respect of those services, even if the ultimate purpose of the transaction was the carrying out of a taxable transaction.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities (Fifth Chamber), interpreting article 2 of Council Directive 67/227/EEC (OJ English Special Edition 1967 p14) and article 17 of Council Directive 77/388/EEC (OJ 1977 L145 p1), so held on April 6 on a reference by the High Court for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty, in proceedings by a company which had sold shares in another company, an exempt transaction, to pay trading debts, and claimed entitlement to deduct VAT paid by it on invoices for professional and legal services supplied to it in connection with the sale.

THE FIFTH CHAMBER said that the company argued that the right to deduction applied to VAT paid or due in respect of supplies of goods or services indirectly, as well as directly, linked to the taxable person's taxable transactions, and so extended to exempt supplies of goods or services used for carrying out taxable transactions such as, in the present case, the payment of debts which derived from taxable transactions which the company had effected.

However, in view of the wording of paragraphs (2) and (5) of article 17 of Directive 77/388, and for other reasons, there was only a right to deduction under paragraph (2) if the goods or services in question had a direct and immediate link with taxable transactions, and the ultimate aim pursued by the taxable person was irrelevant in that respect.

ICI's departing chairman recalls Zeneca's Arizona dawn

The man who dared to split ICI in two — and won

Sir Denys Henderson tells Melvyn Marckus of raiders and tough decisions


ALAN WELLER

Portrait of a chairman: Sir Denys Henderson, ICI's outgoing chief, with the recently unveiled painting by June Mendoza

I am escorted, by an aide, to the sixth floor of ICI's ferociously modern Millbank HQ. Portraits of Sir John Harvey-Jones, Sir Maurice Hodgson and Sir Jack Callard — former ICI overlords — guard the executive corridor. The founding fathers, Lord Melchett and Lord McGowan, are posted outside the boardroom, a power arena dominated by a horseshoe table with swivel leather seating for a lean, mean eleven-strong contingent, as befits "New ICI". The aide murmurs that Sir Paul Chambers may be banished to a tributary corridor. Space has to be made for a portrait of Sir Denys Henderson, whose eight-year tenure makes him ICI's longest-serving chairman, excluding Lord McGowan's two decades.

I am ushered into the chairman's office, and Henderson waves me into a leather chair that doesn't swivel. The office is comfortable, utilitarian, and not over-personalised. Coffee is served and we exchange pleasantries. Henderson wears his power easily. Those who hail from Aberdeen are renowned more for straight-talking than pomposity. Henderson, who lists "unskilled but enjoyable" golf among recreations, is no exception. *Who's Who* also shows that he joined ICI's London office as a lawyer in 1957, indicating skills that Lords Hanson and White may have underestimated in days gone by.

Henderson will go down in history as the industrialist who dared to demerge ICI. Not hailing from Aberdeen, I approach the subject in a circuitous way.

Q: How would you describe the ICI you inherited when you took over as chairman in 1987?

Henderson: "Make no mistake, there was clear strategic purpose. I joined the board in 1980, just before the recession struck, and was party to the immense amount of work done to restructure ICI.

"Our strategy was more or less fourfold. We wanted to increase penetration into key overseas markets, such as Europe and North America — Asia came towards the end of the decade. We were pursuing a major switch away from commodity chemicals into higher-added-value products. Sustained spending on research and development reflected the premium placed on product and process innovation. So, in the late Eighties, we were reaping the rewards. Everything in the garden looked rosy. Unfortunately, the rosiness did not last long. October 1987 heralded the stock market crash. The bull phase of world economies was drawing to a close."

Q: Did you receive any advice when you took the chair?

Henderson: "I had a chat with all the former chairmen who were still alive. Peter Allen said: 'You must relish the job'. I know exactly what he meant and I have relished it . . . For the most part.

"Jack Callard told me: 'You need to pace yourself'. That was also good advice."

Q: Did you juggle with the board structure?

Henderson: "It was an exceedingly professional and competent board — directors I had worked with for seven years. I brought Chris Hampson, a Canadian and former chief executive of ICI Australia, in. He was the first non-British executive director of ICI. I wanted to encourage an international dimension. I also appointed Ellen Schneider-Lenne, of Deutsche Bank, to the board. She was the first woman to become a director of ICI.

"I asked the non-executives whether they were content with the way the board was run. Did they receive the right information? What improvements could be made to the board process? Our board meetings have pretty full agendas that often involve complex high-tech projects. What came through was that some of the non-executives felt hesitant about asking what might be deemed idiot boy questions at the board. I picked up on that and I host a dinner twice a year with the non-executives where they can speak frankly, let their hair down. We have always encouraged non-executives to visit operations . . . see what they see."

Henderson will bow out as chairman at the AGM a week on Thursday. I get round to the nitty gritty.

Q: "You will be remembered as the chairman who split ICI in two. When were the seeds sown?"

Henderson: "I think the first glimmer came in October 1989. I was staying at the Boulders Hotel, Scottsdale, Arizona, and Alan Clements, our finance director, phoned at 7am to give me our third-quarter results. The figures were about £100 million less than expected. Most of the shortfall was in the value-added, specialities businesses that we had been expanding. That was the moment when serious doubts first set in. In the event, we achieved record pre-tax profits of £1.5 billion in 1989, so it could be argued that I was a little premature.

"Early in 1990, it became clear that recession was looming. I was sceptical about economists' predictions of a so-called soft landing and we started to rein in capital expenditure and attack labour costs. We accelerated the divestment of non-strategic assets, including our 25 per cent stake in Enterprise Oil. We sold that for £680 million during the Iraq/-Kuwait war. The share price never saw that level again.

"Our drive to improve productivity had been excellent in the mid-Eighties, but it deteriorated towards the end of the decade, partly due to our acquisition programme. Acquisitions come with people."

"By the summer of 1990, I was still not convinced that the remedial action taken was sufficient. In September, I set up two executive task forces, one led by Tom Hutchison to review strategy, the other headed by Ronnie Hampel to analyse management structure. We had to ascertain whether our strategies were appropriate for a decade likely to be characterised by lower growth. What of my role, bearing in mind that I was chairman and chief executive officer? It was no holds barred."

Q: "And the findings?"

Henderson: "The principal conclusions were that our strategies were right but we needed to focus on fewer businesses where we could achieve world leadership. A break-up of ICI to generate more shareholder value was discussed, but, as it became increasingly evident that the recession was going to prove deep and wide, cost reduction took priority. Demerger went on the back burner. Ronnie Hampel became chief operating officer — I had become increasingly involved in external relations with institutions and the media — and, in February 1991, we revealed a major restructuring which involved substantial job losses and a £350 million write-off.

Q: "At which point Lord Hanson intervened?"

Henderson: invariably reticent about the war of words between ICI and Hanson in the summer of 1991, chooses his words carefully, as he did then, and says: "In mid-May, the noble Lord disclosed Hanson's 2.8 per cent stake in ICI. Our restructuring plan formed the essence of our pseudo defence campaign. By October, I was convinced that Hanson would not take any further aggressive action.

"That was when I decided to re-examine Hutchison's exploratory work on a break-up. The world had changed. We faced lower growth in our traditional markets and mounting competition from chemical producers in Asia Pacific. The demise of communism had brought few benefits, our Eastern European markets were in chaos, our defence and aerospace customer base had shrunk and the cost of meeting environmental demands was rising. Against this background, I asked David Scholey, at Warburgs, to lend me someone who would be able to think laterally without being constrained by a long-term association with ICI.

"That was how John Mayo [now finance director of Zeneca] arrived on the scene. One Friday, he delivered a presentation on why we should hive off our bioscience business. The nub of his argument was that both businesses would become more focused and would probably deliver better shareholder value.

"I spent an agonising weekend considering whether, post the Hanson affair, I wanted to embark on such an exercise. It would have been much easier to accept the status quo. But if the course of action was correct, as I thought it was, then obviously I had a duty to initiate the process. Much of the rest is history."

Q: "Did you have to cajole the directors"?

Henderson: "This wasn't a cajoling issue. It was too important a decision. We have a free debate around here, and there was no question of a three-line corporate whip. After all, I wasn't certain myself. I had Mayo introduced to each of the non-executives to explain his thinking. There were two chairman's conferences — debating, rather than decision-making, forums — in spring of 1992 and in June. I asked each director: 'Do you want to do it?' We kept a close eye on the Wellcome flotation. If it hadn't succeeded, we just might have aborted. The final decision was taken at the July board. There was never a vote."

I return to Hanson. **Q:** "ICI flexed some powerful muscles when Hanson moved in?"

Henderson: "Lord Hanson had a fearsome reputation. There was no question in my mind that the company had done a huge amount of homework on ICI over at least two years. We had to bat off the back foot. There was enormous resentment among employees who saw the approach as opportunistic. There was no synergy between the companies. What was at stake was whether the UK required a powerful manufacturing and research-based chemical industry in the 21st century. We received a great deal of support from MPs. By and large, City institutions gave the impression they would not accept an offer unless an exceedingly sizeable premium."

Q: "How have you found relationships with the City?"

Henderson: "There is a tremendous amount of expertise in the City in respect of takeover bids, demergers, rights issues and the like. Some of the advisers are very clever at devising schemes for raising finance. That said, I am not sure that underwriting and sub-underwriting is quite as competitive as it might be. What directors must never lose sight of is the fact that advisers are advisers. It is the board that takes decisions. Sometimes advisers have to be reminded of this.

"The problem is where do you find objective advice in a transaction-driven business environment. Who do you ask: 'Should we do it?' The reply, inevitably, is: 'Of course. Press on'. Unfortunately, the perspective during the second half of the Eighties was that caution was for wimps. This is where relationships are crucial. We received a tremendous amount of help during the ICI/Zeneca split from Warburgs, KPMG and Linklaters."

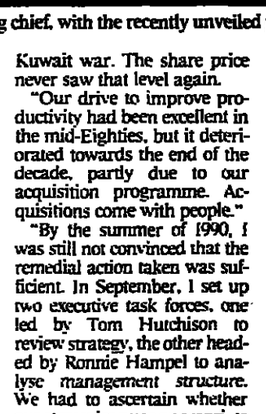
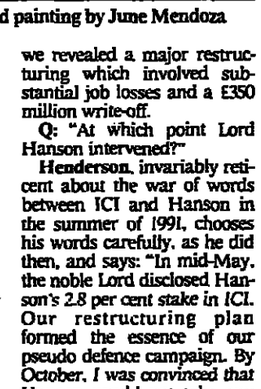
Q: "Have you found that Government listens?"

Henderson: "I have been invited to give my views from time to time. We also have our own mechanisms for communicating with Government. Peter Lilley listened to us when we talked about pensions. We traditionally had a good dialogue with the DTI, but this lapsed in the early Eighties. That was when the view prevailed that manufacturing industry didn't matter. Michael Heseltine has worked hard to put things back on a much more sensible keel. Mind you, they still don't seem able to get electricity prices right."

Q: "Your most memorable moment?"

Henderson: "When I was elected chairman. It's a sort of white-smoke routine at Millbank. John Harvey-Jones said: 'You have the nod'. That was quite a moment. Each chairman nominates a colleague to carry out the soundings. Robin Ibbs did it for Harvey-Jones. I used Antony Pilkington come Ronnie Hampel's appointment."

It crosses my mind, as I pass the ghosts of chairmen past, that Sir Robin Ibbs got his soundings right. The aggregate share prices of ICI and Zeneca are £16.41, compared with ICI's pre-split price of £11.50. More to the point, ICI remains independent. Henderson, as Lord Hanson knows, did far more than bat off the back foot.



Hanson and Heseltine: foe and friend to Henderson

A fusillade of parting shots

Your Comments Welcome. *Radio 4, 11.30am.*

Nick Baker's jolly little programme about the literature of the visitors' book and/or suggestion box includes a contribution by a celebrity. Visiting an Elizabethan mansion, Laurie Lee read the eulogistic sentiment: "All summer in a day." He scribbled an addendum: "All summer, autumn and bloody winter in a day — why don't you get your heating fixed!" There was a plea in a staff canteen suggestion box which said: "Please can we have a daily menu?" To which the canteen manager tersely replied: "No!" Fantasising about what W.G. Grace might have written in a hotel visitors' book, Baker comes up with an apology any schoolboy cricketer could have penned: "Sorry about the broken window . . ."

The Real Glenn Miller Story. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

The word "real" in the title of Bob Sinfield's life of the bandleader clearly suggests that the 1954 James Stewart film got it all wrong. And indeed there are some startling differences between the two. Hollywood was generous with the honey. BBC radio pours on the Tabasco. Stewart's Miller was endearing. Charles Dance's Miller is icy and abrasive to people in general and his band in particular. The movie explained the characteristic Miller "sound" by focusing on a trumpeter's cut lip. In Sinfield's script, it evolves naturally from Miller's genius for orchestration. In the credibility stakes, my money is on Sinfield.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo: 4.00am Bruce Brookes 6.30 Kevin Greening 9.00 Steve Wright 12.00 Lisa I'Anson, with Take That 2.00pm PJ and Duncan 4.00 Clive Warren, with guests East 177.00 Sound City '95 — Evening Session 10.00 Mark Radcliffe Midnight Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo: 6.00am Roger Royle 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Martin Kelner 2.00pm Ed Stewart 4.30 The Radio 2 Lecture: Terry Wogan (r) 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Bob Holness with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 The Real Glenn Miller Story (r). Sea Choice 10.00 Up In Lights (r) 10.30 The Jamessons 12.05am Digby Fairweather 1.00 Steve Madden 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine 11.05 NautiTalk: Malcolm McKeag and Micheala Strachan are at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club 12.00 Midday with Mair 1.15 Sport on Five. Football: 2.40 and 3.10 Racing from Kempton Park; Snooker; Motor Racing: British Touring Car Championship 5.00 Sports Report 6.06 Six-O-Six 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 sport 7.35 Wembley Winners: 1987 — Coventry City v Tottenham Hotspur 8.00 The Monday Match: Blackburn v Manchester City 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Meah, Sean Bolger 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen 10.00 Caesar 1.00am Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST: 5.00am News 5.30 Europe (MW: Off the Shelf 5.45 Did You Know?) 6.00 News 6.30 Anything Goes (MW: Europe) 7.00 News 7.15 Felix 7.30 LIN 8.00 News 8.15 Development '95 8.30 Excursions 9.00 News (MW: News in German) 9.10 Words of Faith (MW News in German) 9.15 St Petersburg 10.00 News, Business 10.15 Anything Goes 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf Noon News 12.30am Omnibus 1.00 News, Business (MW: News in German) 1.15 Britain 1.30 Music 2.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 John Peel 4.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Global Concerns (MW: News in German) 4.45 Gospel (MW: News in German) 5.00 News 5.15 St Petersburg 6.00 News 6.15 Telltale Tunes 6.30 World Today (MW: News in German) 6.45 Sport (MW: News in German) 7.00 News 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 9.00 Europe 9.30 Outlook 9.55 Words of Faith 10.00 News 10.15 Britain 10.30 Multitrack 11.00 News 11.30 World Today 11.45 Development Midnight News 12.05am Topical Report 12.15 John Dunn 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 1.30 Folk 1.45 Britain 2.00 News and Press 2.15 Beethoven 2.45 Health 3.00 News 3.30 Let's Do The Show Right Here 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 John Peel

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Angela Rippon 12.00 The Real Travista 2.00pm Paul McCartney and Friends 3.15 Pirates of Penzance 5.00 Jane Markham 7.00 The Music of Disney 9.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Maggin 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nick Abbot 7.30 Paul Coyte 11.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Gregorian chant (Salve, festa dies); Vaughan Williams (Norfolk Rhapsody No 1); Mozart (Serenade in G, K525, Eine kleine Nachtmusik); 8.05 Stravinsky (Scherzo fantastique, Op 3); Rachmaninov (O cease thy singing, maiden fair); Rimsky-Korsakov (Piano Concerto in C sharp minor)
9.00 **Composer of the Week:** The Private World of J.S. Bach, presented by Nick Morgan
10.00 **Musical Encounters:** From today, the programme will be broadcast every weekday morning. To mark the occasion, Piers Burton-Page weaves the number five into his selections of music. *Artist of the Week:* Nobuko Imai, viola. Schumann (Märchenbilder, Op 113); 10.35 Alonso Lobo (Two Motets); Purcell (Birthday Ode, Arise, my muse); Bax (Symphony No 5)
12.00 **The Highest Form of Art:** Jim Hiley presents six selections of songs in celebration of the musical, beginning with songs of hope, defiance and excess
12.55-5.00pm **The Afternoon on Three,** *presented by Susan Sharpe*
1.00 **Russian Music for Violin:** Erich Gruenberg, violin, Daniel Adni, piano, perform Stravinsky (Chants du rossignol; Marche chinoise, The Nightingale; Chanson russe, Mavra); Prokofiev (Five Melodies); Shostakovich (Sonata, Op 134)
2.05 **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Delius (Brigg Fair); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor); Tasmin Little); Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique)
3.45 **Byrd Organ Music:** Paul Nicholson plays the instrument built by the Dallam family at Lanvellec, Brittany (r)
4.30 **Time and Changes:** The pianist and composer Stan Tracey talks about the formation of his six-piece group Hexad in the early 1980s
5.00 **The Music Machine:** Dick Witts investigates drummers and drumming
5.15 **In Tune,** with Richard Baker. Including Bax (Overture to a Picaresque Comedy); 6.03 Copland (El Salon Mexico); 6.30 Ibert (Escales)
7.30 **Houston Symphony Orchestra** under Christoph Eschenbach, with Tzimon Barto, piano, performs Copland (Variations on a Shaker Song); Grieg (Piano Concerto in A minor); Schoenberg (Symphonic poem, Pelléas und Mélisande)
9.00 **Marita:** Diego's Daughter. In the first of four reflections, the painter, dancer, singer and storyteller Marika Rivera recalls her parents
9.10 **Hilliard Summer Festival,** recorded last year in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge
10.45 **Nibdng It,** with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
11.30-12.30am **Ensemble:** The Brindisi Quartet performs Beethoven (String Quartet in E flat, Op 74, Harp); Bartók (String Quartet No 2)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with Rabbi Professor Dan Cohn-Sherbok 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.00, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.40 Swirsky's Easter: The novelist Christopher Hope recalls his South African childhood (1/2)(r) 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Start the Week,** presented by Melvyn Bragg and Cynthia Rose. Professor Roger Scruton, Jon Savage, Mark Kermode and Kim Evans discuss popular music
10.00-10.30 **News; Dear Diary** (FM only): Beryl Bainbridge reads excerpts from the diaries of Captain Scott
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only), from St Francis of Assisi Parish Church, Welwyn Garden City
10.15 **Children's BBC Radio 4: When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit,** by Judith Kerr (r)
10.30 **Woman's Hour,** introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 **Your Comments Welcome:** Sea Choice
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm **The Labour Exchange**
12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Ring of Roses:** A play by Nick Stafford. In 1665, three feisty women live by their wits in the plague-infested city of London
3.00 **The Afternoon Shift**
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** Robert Dawson Scott reviews *Classical Sleaze* and the *Oxford Book of Scottish Short Stories*
4.45 **Short Story: The Easter Egg Hunt,** by Michelle Roberts. Read by Jilly Bond
5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **The News Quiz** (r)
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **The Food Programme,** with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 **The Monday Play: Goodnight to Flamboro'.** As part of British Music Year, another chance to hear Martyn Wade's play about the Yorkshire composer William Baines, who died in 1922 at the age of 29, leaving behind a wealth of beautiful music, much of which has never been performed. With Douglas Hodge, Anne Stallybrass, David Calder (r)
9.15 **On Being 50,** with Peter Mortimer
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: A Child Possessed,** by R.C. Hutchinson. Abridged in 12 parts and read by Geoffrey Beevers
11.00 **Journeys to Imaginary Places:** The Bachelor of Rouen. Frank Delaney goes in search of real places made imaginary by great French writers (r)
11.30 **Bolt:** Episode three of a five-part dramatisation of the novel by Dick Francis (r)
12.00-12.43am **News,** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.45 As World Service (LW only)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM: 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9. WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198kHz (12.45am-5.55am). CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, -1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Mavey

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 25

FARRAGINOUS
(c) Having the characteristics of a farrago, ie a Roman botchpotch or stew, used to describe the one original Roman literary genre, satire, as well as the stew. A farrago does not have to consist of lies, though it usually does. You could speak of a farrago of illegible scribbles around a journalist's desk. You could try saying, "A truly farraginous effort", about your Chairman's introductory speech at the annual general meeting.

PARADIASTOLE
(c) A euphemistic half-truth, a term of Greek rhetoric. "Good heavens, dear girl — you look fabulous in your new outfit. No really, I mean it — paradiastoles fail me."

APORIA
(a) Patently insincere professions, rhetorical absurd modesty, for example by a public speaker, of an inability to know how to begin, what to say, to understand why one has been asked, to believe one's worth, etc. A high-class word, to be used in conversation only with Isaiah Berlin or Anthony Quinton. Everyone else will assume you are referring to a nasty form of skin disease.

PROCERITY
(c) Tallness, height, from the Latin *proceritas* height. *Cameli adiuvantur proceritate collorum*, Cicero, "Camels are helped by the length of their necks." You could say proudly to your gangling teenage daughter, after she has hopped around in the ballet class's end-of-term performance, "I think you showed great procerity out there, darling."

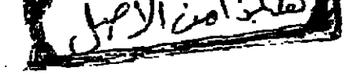
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TOURIST RATES

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Australia $	2.25	2.08
Austria Sch	18.70	15.20
Belgium Fr	48.85	44.55
Canada $	2.296	2.136
Cyprus Cypf	0.748	0.698
Denmark Kr	9.37	8.57
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.78
France Fr	8.22	7.57
Germany Dm	2.39	2.18
Greece Dr	379.00	354.00
Hong Kong $	12.95	11.95
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2340	4.4840
Italy Lira	2845.00	2690.00
Japan Yen	147.00	131.00
Malta	0.599	0.544
Netherlds Gld	2.651	2.421
Norway Kr	10.58	9.78
Portugal Esc	246.00	227.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.32
Spain Pta	205.00	192.00
Sweden Kr	12.31	11.51
Switzerland Fr	1.97	1.79
Turkey Lira	refer	65404.0
USA $	1.689	1.599

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Thanks heavens, the final chorus at last

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

On the subject of hymn singing, there is no doubt, I'm afraid, about the line that truly gladdens my heart: "Omitting verses two, three and five." I am not one of those male television critics who have grown doe-eyed over The Choir (BBC1) because it reminds them of their days as a boy chorister. My lasting impression of the series is — didn't it go on a long time? Omitting episodes two, three and five might have made all the difference.

Certainly the final instalment contained few surprises, apart from a job lot of bought-in sunsets and an off-course hot air balloon. It was always going to end in tears and it duly did — Sally's, Henry's, the finally returned Alan's, Ianthe's, her mother's . . . even that old rogue, the Dean, may have squeezed one out. There was barely a dry eye in the cathedral.

What revelations there were, were of the minor variety. The unseen Colin, the Pru Forrest of Alderminster, finally made it to manager of the Reading superstore (oh joy, oh rapture) and Ianthe (Claire Cox), a girl who had as many personalities as she did image makeovers, revealed the latest and sleekest attempt to captivate the ungrateful Leo (Nicholas Farrell). Mascara around her ankles in no time.

But we did discover why John Standing had been looking so worried as Bishop Robert. Nothing to do with a crisis of faith, more the script. "May almighty God bless this new lighting system," he said with due solemnity, which duly replaced "the parapet mullions are seriously decayed" as my favourite line. Shortly later, Bishop Robert was discovered running round the close car park in his nightie.

There were, however, one or two things to admire — apart from all those sunsets. Anthony Way as Henry Ashworth, saviour of the choir, showed that as well as hitting the high notes he could explore the emotional depths just as touchingly. But then he had been coached by a master, Cathryn Harrison, whose bravery ensured that Sally Ashworth, Henry's mother, was one of the few credible characters to park their car in the cathedral close.

And, in a series where women either made the coffee or organised campaigns for their husbands (and preferably both) Richenda Carey was quite splendidly awful as Bridget, long-scheming wife of the Dean (James Fox). I fear imposing his authority is not going to be easy.

Going on for a long time was not a charge that could be laid at Jane Austen's Persuasion (BBC2), which, guided by Nick Dear's faithful adaptation and Roger Michell's polished direction, racked on. Four chapters were covered in the first three minutes and within five Sir Walter Elliot was broke and off to Bath. At that rate it would have been kisses by 10.30 and early nights all round.

Thankfully, the pace slowed a little, so when the kiss that the American co-producers rightly insisted upon arrived, it marked the end of a wonderful 100 minutes.

This, we had been warned, was the pared-down version of period drama, a million muddy miles away from the budgetary excesses of *Middlemarch* or *The Buccaneers*. It scarcely showed and mattered not one jot. Michell's cast, many of them best known for their theatre work, were allowed to get on with what they do best — acting — safe in the knowledge that they would not be upstaged by a fine piece of furniture or a passing coach and pair. What money that had been spent was spent on a score or two of tricorns and some animals. Pigs, cattle, sheep — we had them all. But, significantly, even the pheasants went back alive. Michael Jackson, controller of BBC2, will no doubt be grateful.

The winner was authenticity. Days were allowed to be cloudy, nights were allowed to be dark and country walks were allowed to be muddy. Very muddy — at one point it seemed that Ciaran Hind's Captain Wentworth might be rolling his way around Somersetshire, so grubby had he become.

As Anne, a woman whose initially demure demeanour conceals the fact that she has either been engaged to or pursued by just about every male in the book, Amanda Root's performance grew as Anne's spirit and wit returned. But this was an ensemble production, in which no performance was weak. And if Austen's themes of an egalitarian and emancipated England were just a touch laboured, what of it? So they are in the book.

Similar themes have been explored, albeit in a rather different way, in **Band of Gold** (ITV), a series so popular that it cannot have gone on long enough for delighted ITV bosses. It has established writer Kay Mellor as one of television's brightest talents and a sequel must surely be inevitable.

One or two will grumble about the identity of the murderer, who as far I can recall has appeared but once since the first episode. But they will have missed the point of a piece of work that was always so much more than a whodunnit. The motive for the murder was ugly but ultimately straightforward. It was the women that were so captivatingly complex.

Mellor's scripts brought forth powerful and courageous performances from Geraldine James and Cathy Tyson as Rose and Carol, ably assisted by Barbara Dickson as Anita, Rachel Davies as Joyce and Samantha Morton as Tracy.

Men, it must be said, did not emerge well. As a sex, we were either pimps, policemen or pathetic. Never forgetting, of course, the excruciating fourth option — parboiled.

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday.*

BBC1

7.00 News, regional news and weather (1929098)

7.10 Teddy Bears' Picnic (r) (5013494)

7.35 Young People's Specials: Andrew. A young man's visit to a hospital leads to him wanting to be a nurse (4902920)

8.00 News, regional news and weather (7188104) **8.10 Favourite Songs.** *Frère Jacques* (r) (5225962) **8.35 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5939185)

9.00 News, regional news and weather (7817340) **9.05 Sweet Kats** (3528776) **9.25 Why Don't You . . . ?** (s) (2168920) **9.55 Orville and Cuddles** (r) (1689348)

10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (4934415) **10.25 Tales of Aesop** (r) (1907543) **10.30 Follow that Bunny** (r) (s) (88727)

11.00 FILM: Captain Horatio Hornblower (1951) starring Gregory Peck. A seafaring drama, based on the novel by C.S. Forester. Directed by Raoul Walsh (59270814)

12.55 Regional News and weather (69967104).

1.00 News. (Ceefax) and weather (73312901)

1.10 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (49760611)

1.30 Bank Holiday Grandstand. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **1.40, 2.10, 2.35** and **4.05 Snooker:** the Embassy world championship; **1.55, 2.25** and **2.55 Racing from Chepstow; 3.10 Motor Sport:** the *Auto Trader* British touring car championships; **3.45 Racing from Fairyhouse:** the Irish Grand National; **4.40 Final Score** (96362833)

5.15 Cartoon (5966659)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (374727)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (272901)

6.15 Regional news magazines (269562)

6.20 Disney Time. (Ceefax) (s) (523098)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Entertainment quiz. (Ceefax) (s) (4123)

7.30 The Egg — A Wildlife Guide. Flamboyant chef Keith Floyd is the guide on a tour of the world of eggs. (Ceefax) (s) (388)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (4253)

8.30 FILM: Housesitter (1992) starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn. A romantic comedy about an architect who turns to a waitress for solace and then promptly leaves her. The spurned woman exacts revenge by moving into his house and telling everyone that she is his wife. Directed by Frank Oz. (Ceefax) (s) (30928755)

10.05 Main News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (222272)

10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights from two of today's FA Carling Premiership matches (s) (130765)



Barry Norman meets Woody Allen (11.05pm)

11.05 Woody Allen — A Film 95 Special. (Ceefax) (s) (915746)

11.35 FILM: Purple Rose of Cairo (1985) starring Mia Farrow and Jeff Daniels. A fantasy comedy about a lonely and miserable diner waitress who finds escapism in the cinema but is unprepared when a leading man steps out of the screen and into her life. Directed by Woody Allen. (Ceefax) (305185)

12.55am Weather (3173895)

BBC2

7.35 FILM: Boom Town (1940, b/w). Two penniless oil prospectors strike it rich but there is trouble ahead and the friends fall out when the fiancée of one of them arrives and falls for the other. Starring Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Claudette Colbert and Hedy Lamarr. Directed by Jack Conway. (96759814)

9.30 Making of a Legend: Gone With the Wind. Christopher Plummer narrates the behind-the-scenes story of the MGM blockbuster. With contributions from Vivien Leigh, Olivia de Havilland and David O. Selznick (r). (Ceefax) (49605388)

11.35 World Snooker. Action from the fourth day of the Embassy world championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield (s) (93553611)

2.00 The Hollywood Collection: Cary Grant — the Leading Man. A profile of the actor (6128901)

2.50 FILM: North by Northwest (1959) starring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint and James Mason. Entertaining comedy thriller about a bemused advertising executive on the run from a group of spies who believe he is a double agent and from the police who think he is an assassin. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. (Ceefax) (65051017)

5.00 World Snooker from Sheffield (5876814)

6.10 Gerald Durrell — The Man Who Built the Ark. A tribute to Gerald Durrell, introduced by Julian Pettifer. (Ceefax) (s) (281475)



Wynton Marsalis on music practise (7.00pm)

7.00 Marsalis on Music (s) (197982)

7.55 Close-Up. Julian Clary selects a favourite scene from *Gone with the Wind*. (459678)

8.00 World Snooker. Further action from the fourth day of the Embassy world championship (s) (8185)

8.30 FILM: Gone with the Wind (1939). The cinematic blockbuster which charts the love story of Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara, set against the background of the American Civil War, based on Margaret Mitchell's bestselling novel. Starring Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard, Olivia de Havilland, Hattie McDaniel and Thomas Mitchell. Directed by Victor Fleming. (Ceefax) (8414833)

12.00 World Snooker. Highlights from the fourth day of the Embassy world championship in Sheffield (8062031) **12.45 Weather** (3157857)

12.50 Later with Jools Holland. Highlights from last year's two series. Includes Beautiful South performing songs from their greatest hits album, *Carry On Up the Charts*, the reggae duo Saint and Campbell accompanied by Courtney Pine, Eddi Reader and the television debuts of Earthling and the blues band The Hoax (r) (s). Ends at 1.55 (8712857)

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CHOICE



Kerry Fox and Sophie Ward as lovers (ITV, 9.00pm)

A Village Affair
ITV, 9.00pm

Television has done well by Joanna Trollope (*The Choir* sang it's last yesterday), and it's not surprising. Her novels are soap of a high order, and their genteel rural settings must gladden the hearts and budgets of their producers. This story of a gay affair and how it (improbably?) shattered the peace of an archetypal English village is of the genre — though more daring than most. (Sensuous sex between the female protagonists, never mind near-marital rape.) Adapted by Alma Cullen, it is directed and produced by an all-women team with Sophie Ward as a young wife and mother Alice, Nathaniel Parker as her baffled spouse, and Kerry Fox as the girl who comes between them.

In A Time Of Hope — Ordinary People
Channel 4, 10.55pm

Noisy, dusty, and because there is so much night shooting (shooting in both senses), often difficult to follow, the two indigenous South African documentaries in this first of three programmes nonetheless repay watching. Here is the genuine flavour of post-apartheid Soweto — so-called "murder capital of the world" as hand-held cameras spend a night with the flying squad, an ambulance driver (at his wits' end), and a former gangster who now runs a night club in Soweto. The second story shows what happens to a — touchingly young — group of illegal immigrants as they are rounded up and pressed into a dreadful cattle truck to be taken for a six-hour journey across the border — only to come back, and back again, searching for work in Johannesburg.

Marsalis On Music: Tackling The Monster
BBC2, 7.00pm

The fourth and last of a delightful workshop series presided over by trumpet genius Wynton Marsalis. As usual, he takes the stage in Tanglewood, Massachusetts, airy modern music centre to chat (never condescendingly) about music — classical and jazz — with a group of wide-eyed children. His guest is the cellist Yo-Yo Ma, who obligingly names Duke Ellington's *Mood Indigo* as his favourite piece. This haunting choice then acts as a kind of bridge motif for the whole programme. The "Monster" is practise. Marsalis gives the youngsters his 12 rules on how to face up to it's rigours. "You absolutely must stick with it," he says, and quotes Art Blakey: "In the end, music washes the dust off your feet."

Woody Allen: A Film 95 Special
BBC1, 11.05pm

Whatever the vicissitudes of Mr Allen's private life, the actor/writer/director remains, at least for this viewer, one of the most interesting and adventurous film makers in America. He will obviously have agreed to this rare interview with Barry Norman to plug his film, *Bullets Over Broadway* — expect plenty of clips from a pacy comedy about the Roaring Twenties. (One of it's stars, Dianne Weist, an Allen regular, was nominated for an Oscar.) Allen explains his approach to directing, and how he manages to talk actors into appearing for reduced fees. He also discusses the impact of his court case on his work and popularity, and his sadness that he has now been forced to drop all contact with his daughter.

Elizabeth Cowley

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (16272)

9.25 Chain Letters Word game (s) (2160388) **9.55 Warner Brothers Cartoon** (r) (3384776)

10.00 FILM: Black Beauty (1971) starring Mark Lester in Anna Sewell's classic story. Directed by James Hill (13907)

12.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (97475)

12.30pm ITN News (Teletext) and weather (86103949)

12.40 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (9743765)



Ryan O'Neal and Barbra Streisand (1.10pm)

1.10 FILM: What's Up Doc? (1972) starring Ryan O'Neal as a stuffy musicologist whose life is turned upside down by a chance encounter with an eccentric young woman (Barbra Streisand). Directed by John Glen (77093524)

2.50 FILM: A View to a Kill (1985). Roger Moore's final outing as the dapper 007 takes him across the Atlantic, where a diabolical plot is afoot to destroy California's Silicon Valley. With Christopher Walken, Tanya Roberts and Grace Jones. Directed by John Glen. (Teletext) (s) (21119746)

5.15 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (709388)

5.45 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (832388) **5.55 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (547727)

6.00 The Champion Children Awards Sponsored by Iceland Frozen Foods. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan host this gala night to celebrate the achievements of young people between the ages of 8 and 16. (Teletext) (s) (12272)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes are joined by Leslie Grantham, Billy Pearce, Michael Vincent, Dave Stewart and the cast of *Crazy for You* (s) (9291)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (456)

8.00 Lucky Numbers with Shane Ritchie (5611)

8.30 Police, Camera, Action! Alastair Stewart introduces some heart-stopping footage from police videos (r) (4746)

9.00 A Village Affair (Teletext) (s) (4833)

11.00 ITN News (Teletext) and weather (718920)

11.10 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (955524)

11.15 The Equalizer: The Child Broker starring Edward Woodward (r) (334479)

12.15am How the Coca-Cola Cup Was Won. Bob Wilson tells the full story of the 1994-95 Coca-Cola Cup (7121963)

1.20 Sport AM (6163055)

2.20 Quiz Night. Stuart Hall plays host as London's Manor Athletic take on Mid Glamorgan's Castell Mynach (4855925)

2.45 On the Live Side (s) (2429012)

3.05 FILM: The Hi-Jackers (1963) starring Anthony Booth and Jacqueline Ellis. A woman on the run from her husband hitches a ride with a trucker. Directed by Jim O'Connolly (6566654)

4.15 Profile (s) (13584166)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (37409673)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (2240708)

5.30 ITN Morning News (36418). Ends at 5.30

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules. Cat and dog cartoon series (7425727)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (62678)

9.00 Little Wizards Animation (r) (75253) **9.30 California Dreams.** Adventures of a college rock band (6856901) **9.55 Gamesmaster** Computer games magazine (r) (s) (6854920) **10.25 Batman** (5289302) **10.55 The Adventures Of Tintin** (r) (5004611) **11.20 Pugwall's Summer** (r) (5755746) **11.50 Deputy Dawg** (6493659)

12.00 FILM: The Last Winter (1990) starring David Ferry, Gerard Parkes and Joshua Murray. The tale of a young man who builds a fantasy shield between himself and reality when he is faced with the prospect of leaving his rural Canadian home. Directed by Aaron Kim Johnston (s) (369494)

1.55 Gustav and the Cat To Be. Animation from Hungary (39338982)

2.00 Gardens Without Borders: Italy (r). (Teletext) (7594562)

2.35 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park and Fairyhouse Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the **2.40, 3.10, 3.40** and **4.15** races from Kempton and the **3.55 (Jameson Irish Grand National)** from Fairyhouse (s) (39347630)

4.30 Fifteen To One Knock out general knowledge quiz presented by William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (5501340). Followed by **News** summary and weather

5.10 FILM: It Came From Beneath the Sea (1955, b/w) starring Kenneth Tobey and Faith Domergue. Science-fiction drama about the captain of a nuclear submarine who discovers a giant sea creature (created by Harry Harryhausen) that is determined to destroy San Francisco. Directed by Robert Gordon (4702727)

6.35 Granpa. Animation, based on the book by John Burningham, with the voice of Peter Ustinov (r) (525630)

7.05 The White Room. Music series introduced by Mark Radcliffe. Among those appearing are Paul Weller, P.J. Harvey, Oasis, Bobby Womack and Jeannie Tracey. Plus archive footage of the Rolling Stones and Sly and the Family Stone (s) (102814)



Phoebe Cates dreams up Rik Mayall (8.05pm)

8.05 FILM: Drop Dead Fred (1991) starring Phoebe Cates, Tim Matheson and Rik Mayall. Off-beat comedy about the imaginary childhood friend of a woman who returns to her life to help her cope with the problems caused by her philandering husband. Directed by Ate de Jong. (Teletext) (s) (22346727)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series (Teletext) (s) (474611)

10.55 In a Time Of Hope — Ordinary People (2951982)

12.00 Atlantic Records: Hip To the Tip. The story of the record company (r) (s) (80876)

2.00 FILM: Trouble For Two (1936, b/w) starring Robert Montgomery and Rosalind Russell. A mystery drama about a woman who is chosen to murder a fellow Victorian suicide club member but cannot bring herself to do the deed. Directed by J Walter Ruben (7944128). Ends at 3.20

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 5.55pm-6.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (547727) **11.10** Anglia News (955524) **11.15** England's Rugby World Cup Dream (237807) **11.45** Beach House (977277) **1.15am** The Naked Country (825469) **3.55** The Time... the Place (8254708) **4.30** Yan Can Cook (16924) **5.00** Freescreen (62470)

CENTRAL

As London except: 5.55-6.00 Central News and Weather (547727) **11.10** Central News and Weather (955524) **11.15** The Monday Night Fight (8344479) **4.15am** Jobfinder (8831944) **5.20** Asian Eye (7052012)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.00pm-12.30 Daffy Duck's Easter Show (97475) **12.40-1.10** Home and Away (9743765) **11.10** The Motor Show (909185) **11.40** Coach (9210095) **12.15am** How the Coca-Cola Cup Was Won (413126) **1.15** Sport AM (5309673) **2.10** Quiz Night (4854573) **2.35** On the Live Side Quiz Night (4854573) **3.05** The Hi-Jackers (9569654) **4.15** Jobfinder (8752302) **4.55** The Time... the Place (2240708)

HTV WEST

As London except: **11.10** HTV West Headlines and Weather (955524) **11.15** Magnum (334479) **4.15am** Jobfinder (8752302)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 5.55pm-6.00 HTV Wales News and Weather (547727) **11.10-11.15** HTV Wales News and Weather (955524)

MERIDIAN

As London except: **11.10** Meridian News and Weather (955524) **11.15** Jeremiah and Weather (955524) **11.15** Jeremiah Johnson (940388) **1.15am** The Naked Country (825469) **3.55** The Time... the Place Country (825469) **3.55** The Time... the Place (8254708) **4.30** Yan Can Cook (16924) **5.00** Freescreen (62470)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 5.55pm-6.00 Tyne Tees News and Weather (547727) **11.10** Tyne Tees News (955524) **11.15** Big Trouble in Little China (522253) **1.00am** The Golden Falcon (639682) **2.40** The New Music (4870789) **3.35** The Chart Show (2364012) **4.30** Jobfinder (73186)

ULSTER

As London except: 12.40pm-1.10 Coronation Street (9743765) **5.55-6.00** UTV Live at Six (547727) **11.10** UTV Live: Evening News (955524) **11.15** Murder, She Wrote (334479) **12.15am** How the Coca-Cola Cup Was Won (413126) **1.15** Sport AM (5309673) **2.10** Quiz Night (4854573) **2.35** On the Live Side Quiz Night (4854573) **3.05** The Hi-Jackers (9569654) **4.15** Jobfinder (8752302) **4.55** The Time... the Place (2240708)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.55pm-6.00 Calendar News and Weather (547727) **11.10** Calendar News and Weather (955524) **11.15** Big Trouble in Little China (522253) **1.00am** The Golden Falcon (639682) **2.40** The New Music (4870789) **3.35** The Chart Show (2364012) **4.30** Jobfinder (73186)

S4C

Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (62678) **9.00** Little Wizards (75253) **9.30** *California Dreams* (6856901) **9.55** Gamesmaster (6884920) **10.25** Batman (5289302) **10.55** The Adventures Of Tin Tin (5004611) **11.20** Pugwall's Summer (5755746) **11.50** Droopy (8239843) **12.30pm** Slot Machin (35123) **1.00** The Black Swan (87351614) **2.35** Channel 4 Racing From Kempton Park and Fairyhouse (39347630) **4.30** Gardens Without Borders: Italy (369) **5.00** 5 Pump (6963562) **5.15** 5 Pump (8948794) **5.30** Fifteen To One (945) **6.00** Newyddion (2815599) **6.10** Siwrcas: Pencampwraeth Y Byd 1995 (276543) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7933) **7.30** Sgorio (56369) **8.00** Newyddion (4980117) **8.45** Taro Naw (287122) **9.15** Drop Dead Fred (24891794) **11.05** The White Room (7879622) **12.05am** In The Eyes Of A Stranger (230079)

NETWORK2

Starts: **9.55** Film: Benji the Hunted (15590633) **11.30** The Beatbox, (21944630) **12.00** Eastenders (54098340) **1.55** Bosco **2.10** Quiz Night (4854573) **2.35** On the Live Side (3491073) **3.05** The Hi-Jackers (5568654) **4.15** Jobfinder (8732902) **4.55** The Time... the Place (2240708)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 5.55pm-6.00 Westcountry News; Weather (547727) **11.10-11.15** Westcountry News; Weather (955524) **4.15am** Jobfinder (8752302)

S4C

As London except: 5.55pm-6.00 Calendar News and Weather (547727) **11.10** Calendar News and Weather (955524) **11.15** Big Trouble in Little China (522253) **1.00am** The Golden Falcon (639682) **2.40** The New Music (4870789) **3.35** The Chart Show (2364012) **4.30** Jobfinder (73186)

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (28746) **8.00** Power Rangers (43678) **8.30** Blockbusters (42949) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (89388) **10.00** Concentration (51098) **10.30** Card Sharks (22185) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (76253) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (46765) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (65901) **1.00** St Elsewhere (50456) **2.00** Matlock (52727) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (9245746) **3.50** DJ Kat (4121727) **4.30** Power Rangers (3369) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (8962) **6.00** Murphy Brown: with Candice Bergen (7562) **6.30** Family Ties (6814) **7.00** Rescue (7611) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4086) **8.00** Hawkeye: with Lee Horsley (90611) **9.00** Civil Wars (54825) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (73942) **11.00** David Letterman (691811) **11.50** The Untouchables (286011) **12.45am** Chances (4539709) **1.30** The New WKRP in Cincinnati (68215) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (2545012)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (57609469) **9.30** The Trial of O.J. Simpson (4899123) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (7037484) **11.00** World News and Business (49433) **1.30pm** CBS News (52814) **2.30** The Book Show (4475) (9272) **3.30** Worldwide Report (9920) **4.00** World News and Business (78017) **5.00** Live at Five (4524) **6.30** Talkback (6456) - **7.30** O.J. Simpson Trial, Live (2817727) **12.30am** CBS News (63912) **1.30** Talkback Replay (73982) **2.30** The Book Show (8440215) **3.10** CBS 60 Minutes (1396876) **4.30** CBS News (80170) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2870104) **10.00** Death on the Nile (1978) (724473) **12.30pm** Moon Zero Two (1969) (56678) **2.30** A Boy Named Charlie Brown (1969) (18098) **4.30** 3 Ninjas (1992) (23088) **6.00** Surf Ninjas (1993) (14678) **8.00** Heart of a Child (1994) (19122) **10.00** Deep Cover (1992) (497833) **11.50** A Burning Passion: The Margaret Mitchell Story (1993) (221233) **1.25am** Jackson County Jail (1976) (8656383) **2.45-5.30** The Unbearable Lightness of Being (1988) (35477695)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (90036) **4.00** Road to Rio (1947) (73505104) **5.45** Doctor Dolittle (1967) (72998036) **8.15** It Came from Outer Space (1953) (85562185) **10.00** The Elger Sanction (1975) (18453882) **12.10-2.00am** The Parallax View (1974) (944895)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Tarzan and the Huntress (1947) (5821088) **7.15** The Arizonian (1935) (8763340) **8.35** Come Blow Your Horn (1962) (10837833) **10.35** Dennis (1993) (77286746) **12.15pm** The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) (965727) **2.00** Sidekicks (1993) (92456) **4.00** Dennis (1993). As 10.35am (9456) **6.00** The Mommy Market (1993) (77307) **7.30** UK Top Ten (3956) **8.00** The Distinguished Gentleman (1992) (17785) **10.00** Red Rock West (1993) (487727) **11.40** Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me (1992) (90887036) **2.00am** Vanished Without a Trace (1992) (275944) **3.35-1.15** Hickey and Boggs (1972) (65025296)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am American Sports Cavalcade (52659) **8.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (683814) **11.00** WWF Mania (32475) **12.00** The Big League. Live: Warrington v Wigan (355369) **2.30pm** WLAF. Live: Barcelona Dragons v Scottish Claymores (9081920) **6.00** Soccer News (343069) **6.15** Fish Tales (3312253) **6.30** High Five (5624) **7.00** Monday Night Football. Live: Blackburn v Manchester City (126490?) **11.00** Soccer News (702494) **11.15** The Big League (120582) **1.15-3.15am** Monday Night Football (591825)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Golf (90263) **8.30** Snooker (95036) **10.30** Dancing (49233) **12.00** Live Equestrianism (17248) **2.00pm** Tennis (81233) **3.00** Live Golf (11949) **5.00** Live Marathon (493956) **7.30** Eurosport News (9104) **8.00** Speedworld (48869) **10.00** Football (94096) **11.30** Golf (95901) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (98708)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (7187830) **8.30** Peyton Place (7168901) **9.00** As the World Turns (4009562) **10.00** Guiding Light (3287611) **11.00-12.00** Another World (3207475)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Travel — Moscow (7177017) **12.30pm** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (4452017) **1.00** The Great Escape (3201291) **1.30** The Spice of Life (4451388) **2.00** Australian Panorama (4031017) **2.30** Travels in Europe (1387936) **3.00** Journey to Australia's Inland Sea (19489?0) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (1187730) **4.30** Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (6787794) **5.00** Trailside (4022369) **5.30** The Spice of Life (7787974) **6.00** Travels in Europe (5755887) **6.30** American Vacation (6857562) **7.30** Australian Panorama (4337253) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (4011253) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (4030388) **9.00** Globetrotter (1921611) **9.30** American Vacation (2879017) **10.30** Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (7187494) **11.00** Travels in Europe (1933456) **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe (7555123)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7353758) **9.30** Simply Delicious (2868017) **10.00** Running Repairs (2465630) **10.30** Frontiers (5458122) **11.00** Only Human (4328920) **12.00** A Choice for K'Alta (7458302) **12.30pm** The Dad Film (2852833) **1.00** Simply Delicious (4339038) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (2661104) **2.00** Jimmy's (3000098) **2.30** Step by Step (8402524) **3.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? (3012833) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (8414369)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4932128) **7.30** Neighbours (4311630) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8808843) **8.30** EastEnders (9258384) **9.00** The Bill (5553776) **9.30** Flesh and Blood (6816369) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (6436388) **11.30** Going for Gold (8940185) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5658320) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2864231) **1.00** EastEnders (4331494) **1.30** The Bill (2863582) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (3002456) **2.30** My Wife Next Door (8404582) **3.00** Knots Landing (8944901) **4.00** Dallas (8963036) **5.00** Going for Gold (84354475) **5.25** XYZ (84333982) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (2166307) **6.30** EastEnders (8492291) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (3008272) **7.30** Laugh, I Nearly Paid My Licence (1768746) **8.25** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (11953901) **10.00** The Bill (8263008) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1679479) **11.05** Alas Smith and Jones (8664746) **11.45** Dr Who (7046307) **12.15am** FILM: Ivanhoe (1952) (1936079) **2.00** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (56271) **7.00** Teddy Ruxpin (66253) **7.30** Garfield (85388) **8.00** Eek the Cat (85017) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (84388) **9.00** Super Mario Brothers (68340) **9.30** Flash Gordon (13388) **10.00** Round the Twist (37253) **10.30** Beakman's World (64524) **11.00** Graveglade High (44388) **11.30** Gigantor (45098) **12.00** He-Man (88104) **12.30pm** The Bots Master (17104) **1.00** Toxic Crusaders (65824) **1.30** Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show (16475) **2.00** Pugwall (6307) **2.30** Swan's Crossing (7901) **3.00** Casper (4056811) **3.15** Stuni Dawgs (4401123) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (4494394) **4.15** Bad Level 10! (6309104) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (7765)

NICKELODEON

7.00am SuperTed (35562) **7.20** Easter Specials (21369) **8.00** Turtles Gold (30543) **8.30** Rude Dog (39814) **9.00** Rugrats (53494) **9.30** Clarissa (82494) **10.00** Mighty Max (63098) **10.30** Carmen San Diego (58678) **11.00** Grimmy (91253) **11.30** Denver (92982) **12.00** Pee-Wee (33630) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (53982) **1.00** Smoggies (34833) **1.30** Chipmunks (52253) **2.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (3291) **2.30** Pete and Pete (1185) **3.00** Rude Dog (9098) **3.30** Turtle's Gold (6630) **4.00** Mighty Max (5765) **4.30** Rugrats (1949) **5.00** Clarissa (4543) **5.30** Odyssey (5801) **6.00** Asahi Real Monsters (2814) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (5494)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (8426104) **4.30** The Search for Dr Livingstone (8422369) **5.00** Search for Adventure (3003185) **6.00** Invention (8424272) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5992291) **7.30** Future Quest (8423017) **8.00** The Astronomers (6982659) **9.00** The Nature of Things (6295123) **10.00** Victor (5965992) **11.00-12.00** Elite Fighting Forces (4316185)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Tall, Dark and Handsome (1941). Comedy (2181765) **1.30** Smothers Brothers (2858630) **2.00** The Avengers (2460186) **3.00** Rat Patrol (30166939) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (8434123) **4.00** FILM: The Boy in the Plastic Bubble (1976). John Travolta is born without natural immunities (3010475) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (8430307) **6.30** Cannon (9349727) **7.30** The Invisible Man (8410543) **8.00** The Avengers (6979185) **9.00** The New Avengers (6996948) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Dr Jekyll and Sister Hyde (1971) (8938340)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5533785) **7.00** Makeover Magazine (21407727) **9.00** On the House (6788746) **9.30** Nate and Allie (10770981) **10.05** Go for it (15423969) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (15723307) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7380456) **11.55** The Simple Programme (9369035) **12.55pm** Masterchef 1992 (6285466) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (1785765) **2.00** Agony Hour (5553678) **3.00** Makeover Magazine (7930272) **4.00** Intervision (8949456) **4.30** Crosswits (1225104) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (52334833) **5.25** Take Six Cooks (1273475) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (6972678) **6.30** Brookside (3347456) **7.05** Crosswits (4747415) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (2882456) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2771369) **8.55** The Simple Programme (6107036) **9.00** FILM. Coins in the Fountain (1990). Three attractive women look for romance in Rome. With Loni Anderson, Stephanie Kramer and Shanna Reed (3719185) **11.00** Brookside (7940036) **11.30-12.00** Intervision UK (5541833)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (7659) **5.30** Teen Win, Lose or Draw (8017) **6.00** My Two Dads (8630) **6.30** Catchphrase (9982) **7.00** Bussman's Holiday (4443) **7.30** Avonlea (12901) **8.30** Home to Roost (5678) **9.00** Sirens (64611) **10.00** Travel Pursuit (89833) **10.30** Dangermouse (95253) **11.00** Lou Grant (75901) **12.00** Zorro (69079) **12.30am** Evening Shade (23418) **1.00** Travel Pursuit (12586) **1.30** Rhoda (55789) **2.00** Sirens (63470) **3.00** Lou Grant (52147) **4.00** Rhoda (21019) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (33079)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (75499) **6.30** The Grind (55859) **7.00** 3 from 1 (1174340) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (8830562) **8.00** MJ Ingo (2456878) **11.00** The Soul of MTV (95494) **12.00** Greatest Hits (85299) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (14017) **2.00** 3 from 1 (16866123) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix (9151017) **3.00** Cinemanic (4379369) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (6301562) **4.30** Dial MTV (9123) **5.00** Hit List UK (78727) **7.00** Greatest Hits (8253) **7.30** Page and Plant Unleashed (43745) **9.00** The Real World (59291) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (35758) **10.00** MTV News at Night (226123) **10.

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America cool on Japan's attempt to restrain the yen

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND COLIN NARBROUGH

AMERICAN investors will today give their verdict on Japan's economic recovery package when currency trading resumes on Wall Street after the Easter break.

Although Japan's base rate has now been cut to a mere 1 per cent in an effort to stem the 20 per cent year-on-year rise of the yen against the dollar, Robert Rubin, the United States Treasury Secretary, yesterday signalled American fears that the measures may prove inadequate when he stopped short of welcoming the Japanese package.

Masayoshi Takemura, Japan's Finance Minister, said that Japan and the US had agreed to strengthen collaboration in currency markets at a fringe meeting of the 18-nation Asia-Pacific Co-operation (APEC) forum in Bali, Indonesia. However, Mr Rubin insisted: "We agreed to continue to co-operate as we have in the past."

The misunderstanding, on the eve of fresh talks in Washington over Japan's massive trade surplus in cars with America, highlights continuing problems for world currency markets caused by Japan's protectionist, export-oriented economy.

A meeting of ministers from the Group of Seven leading economies has been called in Washington for April 25 to assess market reaction to the Japanese package and to co-ordinate any further action.

As the battle against global economic instability intensifies, trade ministers from the leading economies will meet in British Columbia next month to discuss how to maintain the momentum in trade liberalisation after the successful conclusion of the Uruguay round treaty on freer international trade and the creation of the World Trade Organisation, the international trade watchdog.

Japan has sought protection from America with persistent reference to the need to adhere to multilateral trade rules under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), and its successor, the WTO. Renato Ruggiero, the former Italian trade minister, who takes over as head of of the WTO on May 1, has declared his key aims to be to strengthen the multilateral trading system and to promote free trade. A policy review earlier this month by the WTO welcomed Japan's resolve to strengthen the WTO, which some US politicians fear will undermine America's power to impose its own trade sanctions.

Roy MacLaren, the Canadian International Trade Minister, announcing next month's meeting of the "quad" group trade ministers of America, Canada, Japan and the European Union, said that discussions would focus on the successful completion of negotiations outstanding from the Uruguay round in important areas such as financial services and telecommunications.

Gatt, founded in 1948, is to be absorbed by the WTO, which was set up under the the Uruguay round treaty signed in Morocco last April and has tougher powers to enforce trading rules.

Peter Sutherland, the outgoing interim head of the WTO, commenting recently on 1994 figures that showed growth in world trade at its best for 20 years, linked the improvement to the conclusion in December 1993 of the Uruguay round treaty.

BAe vies with Fokker for $1bn of orders

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Aerospace and Fokker are locked in a dogfight for close to $1 billion worth of orders for regional jets.

Sabena, the Belgian airline, is set to buy 11 100-seat jets, and take options on as many more, in a $550 million purchase to expand its Delta Air Transport (DAT) feeder subsidiary. The contenders are BAe's Avro RJ and the F100 from Fokker, the Dutch subsidiary of Daimler-Benz Aerospace.

Meanwhile, in Italy, BAe has made an extraordinary work-share offer to Alenia, the state aerospace group, in a last-ditch attempt to win a $375 million contract for 15 aircraft from Alitalia.

Avianova, the regional subsidiary of the Italian state airline, had been set to buy the 70-seat F70 from Fokker until BAe linked Alenia's fortunes to those of its contender, the RJ70 or RJ85.

The size of the orders reflects a resurgence in demand for regional jets, which could help to rebuild the fortunes of Fokker and Avro. Both have been plunged into loss by a slump in demand for regional jets. Success will also confirm a remarkable recovery in the fortunes of the RJ, an up-dated version of the BAe 146 "whisper jet". Only two years ago, the aircraft was dismissed by one commentator as "a dog". Now, as a result of engine improvements, interior restyling and better in-service support and management of the second-hand fleet by BAe, it is starting to recover sales against Fokker, which had been out-selling it by two to one. Lufthansa, Air Malta and Aer Lingus have all chosen the BAe plane.

Crossair, one of Europe's largest regional carriers, has opted for an all-Avro fleet, placing orders and options for 24 planes worth $600 million while its parent, Swissair, drops the F100. Crossair now believes that a rapid rise in short-haul flights between regional airports, combined with capacity cuts by the two manufacturers, may trigger a scarcity of new planes and a rapid recovery of prices.

Thomas Hofmann, Crossair's finance and commercial director, said: "We feel that this type of aircraft will be heavily demanded in the next couple of years."

Economic recovery, the emergence of specialised regional carriers, and deregulation of European air routes has made regional aircraft the fastest-growing sector of the Continent's aircraft market.

Chris Avery, analyst with Paribas, the broker, believes BAe may limit the supply of new planes and exploit rising demand to drive up rates on its fleet of 118 leased BAe 146s. That would enable the company to write back some of its £668 million of lease provisions.

Fokker, which plans to build 36 F70 and F100 planes this year, against BAe's 18 RJs, should also benefit from the upturn. After massive restructuring, BAe believes Avro will be back in profit by 1997. But, according to Mr Avery, Fokker is some three years behind BAe in its cost-cutting drive, and thus less able to reap benefits from rising demand.

BAe's offer of 200,000 man-hours of work to Alenia would help to cement Alenia's commitment to the development of a new tri-national partnership in regional aircraft. In January, BAe agreed a joint marketing deal with ATR, the turbo-prop joint venture between Alenia and Aérospatiale, as a prelude to the creation of a joint design and manufacturing operation.

Sabena is a favourite to buy Avro jets. It is developing its DAT as a feeder airline to provide morning, lunchtime and evening connections with international flights from its Brussels hub. DAT already has seven BAe 146-200 84-seat jets.

Choosing the RJ could also facilitate collaboration with Crossair. Swissair, which owns 60 per cent of Crossair, is in talks to acquire a controlling stake in Sabena.

JAMES MORGAN



Martin Winter water-skiing at Paul Seaton's Ski School at Thorpe Park, Surrey, at the weekend after appointment as senior partner elect in Biddle & Co, the City law firm. Mr Winter, 40, is to succeed Hugh Johnson, who steps down in summer 1996

Fisons chief forecasts a new era of expansion

BY SARAH BAGNALL

NEW management at Fisons claims the company is poised for an aggressive three-pronged expansion after receiving offers of funding from several leading banks.

The pharamceuticals enterprise is currently holding exploratory talks with various parties, an indication of its new-found ambitions to buy companies or divisions. The formation of joint ventures or the acquisition of rights to market other companies' drugs is also under consideration.

Stuart Wallis, chief executive, said: "I have a file of the many companies we have looked at in detail. We have now started discussions with a number of these companies." Stock market speculation has highlighted Medeva, the rival drugs firm, as a possible target. Medeva's share price rose 14½p to 226½p last week.

Mr Wallis, who joined Fisons from Bowater in September, said the company was well placed to expand. "Several banks have approached us offering to lend us substantial sums of money," he said, adding that this contrasted starkly with the situation when he joined. Fisons was weighed down by huge debts and was dangerously close to breaking its banking covenants. "We had very limited access to further borrowings," said Mr Wallis.

Since then Fisons has raised more than £400 million from the sale of its loss-making scientific instruments division and the bulk of its research and development pipeline. Sales memoranda for the laboratory supplies division have been dispatched and Mr Wallis expects to clinch a deal within a matter of months. This is the last major disposal planned and is expected to leave Fisons with net cash of around £500 million.

In Mr Wallis's words: "We will soon have money in the bank. If we choose, we can issue paper for a transaction now that the share price has moved up."

Fisons has three distinct expansion strategies aimed at bolstering the group's portfolio of products: acquisitions, local licensing deals and buying or licensing in products from major drugs companies.

Mr Wallis has instructed local managements around the world to look for local licensing deals. "We have been inundated with opportunities and over the next few weeks or months we expect to find some interesting local products."

Fisons is also well advanced in its plans to license in or buy products that are deemed too small or peripheral for the majors, such as Glaxo Wellcome. Mr Wallis said products with turnovers of between £25 million and £75 million are of interest, as long as they operate in markets where Fisons has the opportunity to become a leader.

He adds: "We have already started discussions with major companies and have identified several interesting opportunities that could materialise over the next couple of months."

New Saatchi greets Dixons

BY SARAH BAGNALL

MAURICE SAATCHI, chairman of New Saatchi, yesterday said that he was "delighted" at news that Dixons, the retail combine led by Stanley Kalms, had decided to switch most of the company's lucrative advertising account from Cordiant (the old Saatchi) to his rival agency.

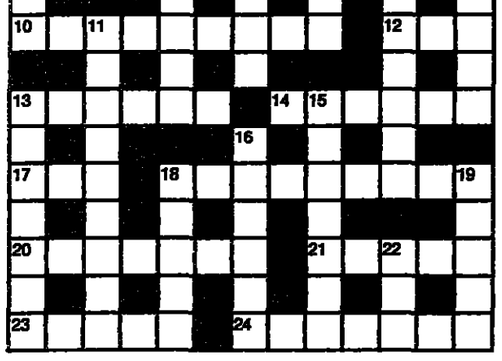
Dixons is expected early this week to confirm reports that it intends to remove its £49 million account from Cordiant. Dixons and Currys, the flagship brands with an advertising spend of £40 million, will be transferred to New Saatchi. Another agency, D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles, will handle advertising for two of Dixons's smaller chains, PC World and The Link.

Mr Saatchi bowed out of Saatchi & Saatchi after a power play engineered by David Herro, the Chicago fund manager, and Charles Scott, Cordiant's chief executive. Since then, New Saatchi has captured Gallaher and Mirror Group Newspapers from Cordiant. Mr Saatchi said: "We are delighted to have Dixons and Currys joining us." He indicated that up to 50 people, who make up the Dixons team at Cordiant, are expected to join New Saatchi.

John Clare, Dixons's managing director, who played a key role in the decision to abandon Cordiant, is a former executive of Mars, which has left old Saatchi — cutting Cordiant's revenue by some £30 million, a sum roughly equivalent to its annual profits.

British Airways is to decide this month whether to leave Cordiant.

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Cars can hold clue to who is feeling the strain

Stress detectives get on the case

BY JON ASHWORTH

STRESS at work is a growing problem — and too few people are willing to admit it. City dealers who change their cars every few months are among the prime candidates, according to one of the UK's growing number of stress experts.

Managers have a duty to become "stress detectives", says Duncan Christie-Miller, 51, who has advised companies from Renault to the Prudential on tackling stress at work. "Everybody will deny it," he says. "Recognising the symptoms in yourself and others is the prime duty of a modern-day manager."

Mr Christie-Miller spent 20 years in the Royal Marines before retiring with the rank of major in 1981 to form Integrated Project Management, based in west London. "Men under stress change their characters quite a lot," he says. "If they are unhappy, they look for instant gratification by buying a new car. A car is a very visible symbol of male pride and virility." There are other signs. "It could be that somebody's performance notably tails off," he says. "More discreetly, they could undergo a change in character. They become quieter or more voluble. Their routine changes, or they begin to eat more or less." Counsellors refer to two types of personality. "Type-A"s fall into the "hyper" category. Ambitious, energetic, and impatient in queues, they are conscientious, keep high standards and are often intolerant of others who are slower. "Type-B"s are placid, have few worries and are often uncompetitive. They devote their energies to things they can change, and leave others to worry about the rest.

Needless to say, "Type-A"s are more prone to stress.

Stress is not an illness in itself, but can give rise to all manner of problems. Manifestations include excessive smoking and drinking and spending inordinate amounts of time at work. "Work makes people feel busy and important," says Mr Christie-Miller.

Stress-related problems can take up to two years to manifest themselves. The death of a spouse tops the list of stressful events (100 on the stress scale), followed by divorce (73), marital separation (65) and a prison term (63).

About 40 million working days are lost in Britain each year through stress-related illnesses, including anxiety, depression, headaches, allergies, chest and back pains, and sexual problems.

Stress can be tackled in various ways. One is quite simple. "Smile," says Mr Christie-Miller. "Practise it in front of a mirror."



Duncan Christie-Miller advises on tackling stress

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